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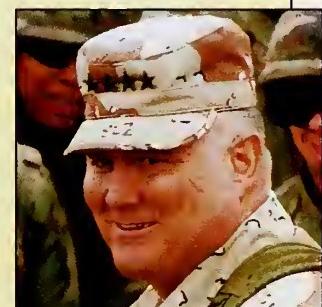
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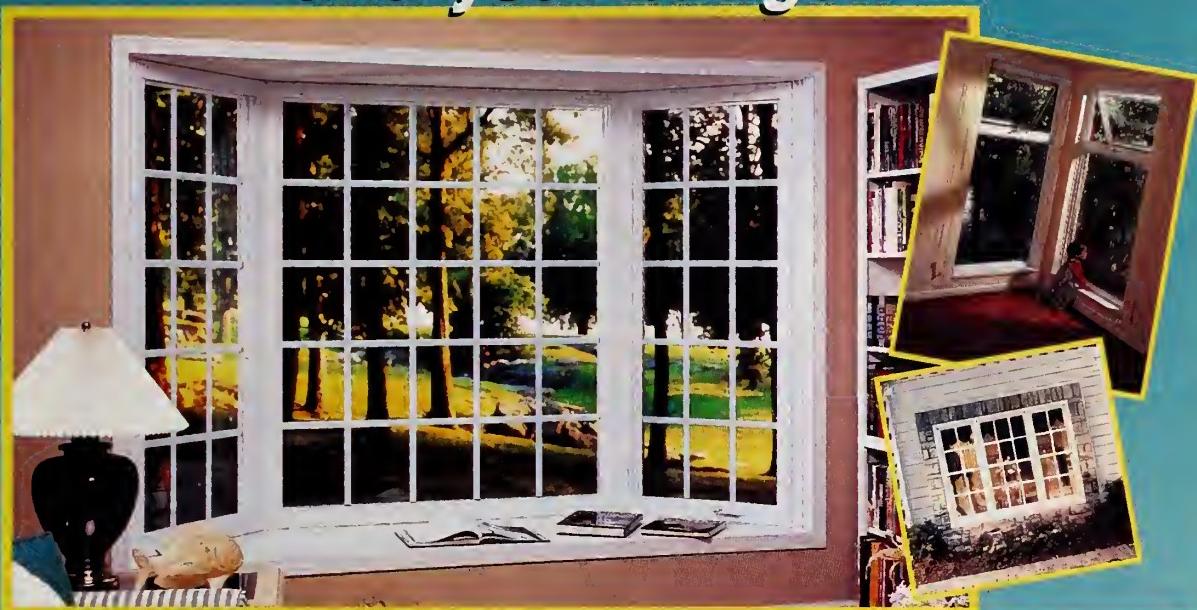
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*John P. Flaherty
Boys Town Class of '48
Winslow, Ariz.*

Benefit Battle

I read in outrage the self-indulgent and arrogant comments of Sen. Alan Simpson and columnist William Safire concerning veterans' benefits ("Veterans Under Fire On Two Fronts," Veterans Update, May). It reminded me of President Calvin Coolidge's response to WWI veterans' demands for a bonus. Coolidge vetoed all bonus bills by claiming the veterans did not deserve a bonus because it was their duty to serve. And in 1932 President Hoover chased the Bonus Army out of Washington with violence.

In 1934 the progressive Sen. Gerald P. Nye held hearings on the huge profits made in World War I by the munitions manufacturers. Nye condemned how profitable war could be for some. Apparently, it was not everyone's civic duty to serve in the mud and trenches of France for low wages.

*Robert W. Ceder
Sheboygan Falls, Wis.*

I think Sen. Simpson has slapped every veteran in the face with his remarks about how he did not want to "hear any horror stories." I can assure the senator that these veterans who are experiencing pain because of service-connected disabilities are real. The

House and Senate get what they want in salaries, health care, pensions and perks, yet they deny everybody else.

*Robert K. Smith
McGregor, Texas*

I think it's time the veterans' organizations rethink their support for the financial albatross of VA. Closing large university-affiliated medical centers and providing care with vouchers would be more convenient. The VA has fought closing and consolidation for years. Why? It protects the status quo. The VA needs to exist, but not in its present form.

*A.M. Onderko
Chillicothe, Ohio*

I am really upset that Congress can even consider cutting any VA benefits to veterans of any wars. What about all the money the United States sends overseas? I pray that all veterans will stand up and be heard. We did our part; now we expect to be treated fairly.

*Francis J. Williamson
Jefferson, Ga.*

Although I am going blind from cataracts, VA is unable to treat me because of lack of money. My eyesight is so bad that I found it difficult to read the articles in the local paper about Congress appropriating billions of dollars to foreign countries.

But I can now see why VA has to deny help to sick, disabled veterans.

*George Grenlee
Dulzura, Calif.*

Bring 'Em Home

Here we are closing bases like crazy while spending billions to keep troops in Europe to bolster a foreign country's economy ("Why The U.S. Military Should Stay 'Over There,'" April, by Gary L. Geipel). Bring the troops home!

Our alms to foreign lands should be sharply curtailed. By pulling back and leaving training personnel to teach, we would bolster sorely depressed areas caused by our cutbacks. The 50,000 civilian employees in just Germany alone spells out why they want our troops to stay. Will we never learn?

*Jack Beyers
Reno, Nev.*

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Flag Raiser Alive

In the May Vetvoice, Curtis Hansen of Edina, Minn., says that Charles Lindberg is the only living person that was involved with the Iwo Jima flag raising. Calvin Scott of Celina, Ohio, formerly of Ft. Recovery, Ohio, is alive and participated in the flag raising.

*Roger K. Myers
Ft. Wayne, Ind.*

Enola Yea!

I just finished reading the article, "How the Legion Held Sway on Enola Gay" (May), and it reaffirmed how proud I am to belong to The American Legion. I will be distributing copies to my Rotary Club and church.

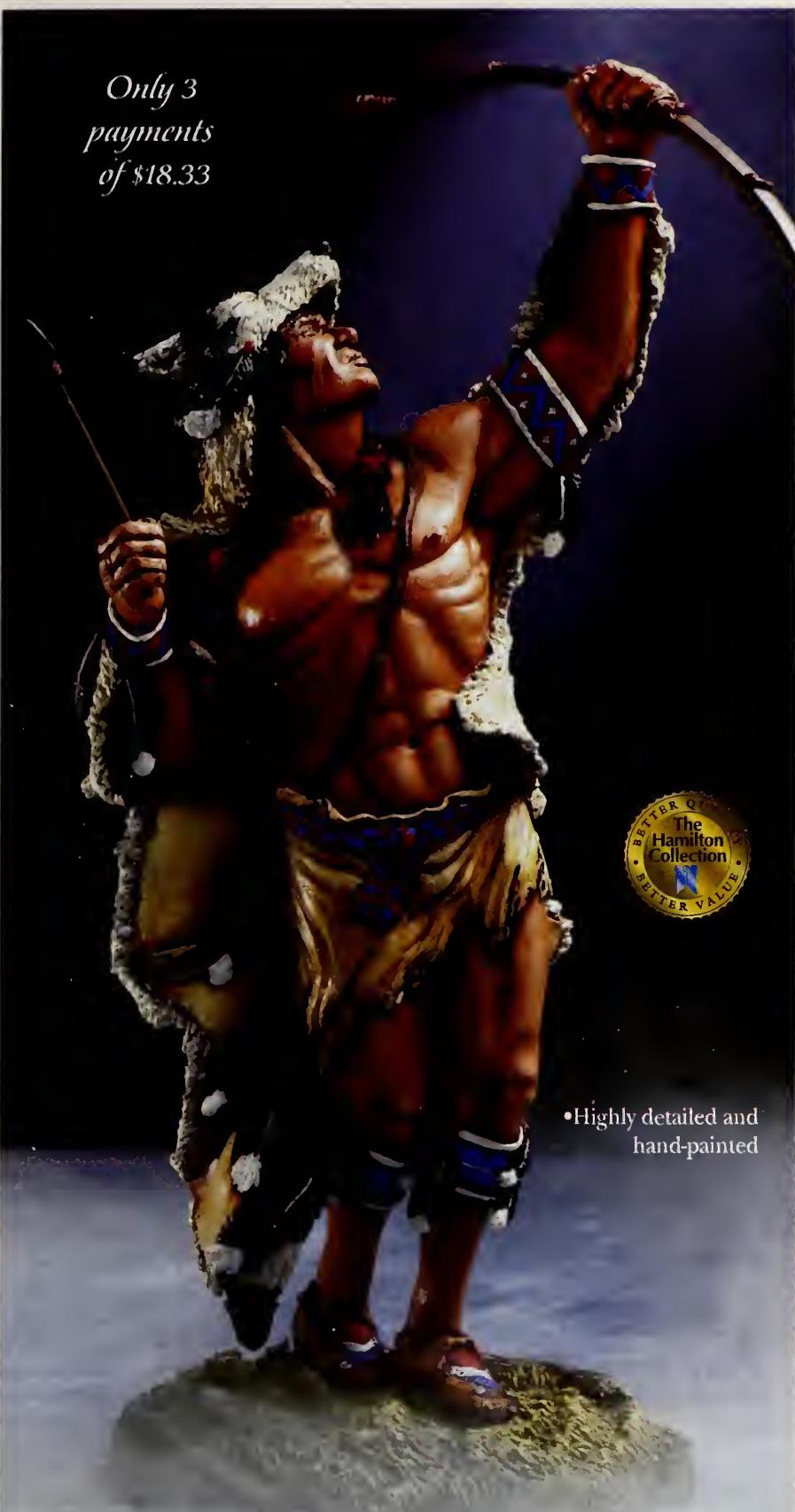
*Chester B. Nichols
East Rutherford, N.J.*

Berlin No Cakewalk

Sid Moody's article "V-E Day" (May) oversimplified the reality of the situation of going into the Battle of Berlin and Eisenhower's decision. The estimates at the time were that the Allies would have lost 100,000 men.

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SPIRIT OF THE WOLF

I think the way it was presented made the attack sound like it was a summertime cruise. And I don't think that reflects the real situation.

V Joseph Adams
Shavertown, Pa.

Remembered

I am amazed at how a war that affected so many and is still one of the main sources of discord in the Far East has been shoved off into obscurity by our nation ("Some Still Remember," May).

In a C-Span discussion of the policies that affected our nation over the past 50 years, I was shocked to hear Ken Walsh, the White House correspondent for *U.S. News and World Report*, say, "Nothing of drastic or nation changing happened during the '50s generation."

If people like Walsh can brush off the Korean War like some flake of dandruff, why will young people even consider the Korean Veterans Memorial as meaningful? Recognition from our country means a lot to those who were willing to sacrifice time and life for a cause. I only hope we will be granted that, at least.

Dan Free
Pentwater, Mich.

I see nothing mentioned about the Navy in "Some Still Remember." It would be a shame if we are left out of memorial remembrances.

Carlos D. Strickland
Jacksonville, Fla.

The Korean War remains on the back burner of American memories. When I returned after my Korean service, I called the local Legion Post to inquire about joining. The spokesman for the Post told me that Korean vets were not being accepted. Boy, was he right!

Richard Hunt
Fort Solonga, N.Y.

I enjoyed your article, "Some Still Remember." The man in the photo on page 26 of the kneeling soldier is my wife's distant cousin, Sgt. Orland Enos Huntoon, who participated in World

War I, World War II and the Korean War.

Gene Blackburn
Rome, N.Y.

Memorial Day

Normally when I receive my AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE, I rush to read it because I have found it to be very informative and in some cases very inspiring. After reading your Memorial Day May 1995 issue, it left me with a sick feeling in the bottom of my gut.

Your tribute seems to be for the white males, and you simply forgot the brave women, African-Americans and other minorities who gave their lives for this great country.

Being an African-American and a retired person with more than 30 years in the military, your tribute was insensitive, showed a lack of knowledge of American history, and complete disrespect for a large segment of your subscribers, who happen to be very patriotic Americans.

Alton W. Powell
Clinton, Md.

Official Office

Sid Moody's article "V-E Day" (May) contained a mistake. He stated that Franklin D. Roosevelt took office 10 days before Hitler became chancellor of Germany. Hitler took office on Jan. 30, 1933. FDR became President on March 4, 1933.

The 20th Amendment was ratified in February 1933, which changed the inauguration to Jan. 20. FDR's subsequent inaugurations were on Jan. 20.

Glen Bowser
Seibert, Colo.

They Batted, Too

The article "They Went To Bat For Uncle Sam" (June, by Steve Salerno) was excellent. I just want to mention the contributions of actors Lee Marvin, a WWII veteran who is buried at Arlington National Cemetery, and Charles Durning, a decorated combat veteran who participated at D-Day in Normandy.

V John Pettmeier
Deadwood, S.D.

I enjoyed the article, "They Went To Bat For Uncle Sam," about celebrities in the service. You mentioned Joe DiMaggio, but his brother, Dominic, was also in the Navy in the South Pacific. The reason I know? I was second baseman on an all-star team, and Dominic was in center field.

E. Stony Steinbach
Mayville, Wis.

Gavel Rousing

The *Wall Street Journal*'s legal editor, Stephen Adler, misses the most important point about the failings of the jury system ("Juries on Trial," June). The jury should be paid at a rate comparable to the lawyers and judges. The present system is slave labor: Let the litigants pay for the jurors.

Also, each juror should be able to take notes. Adler did make some good points when he stated that there should be shorter trials and no challenges.

Paul F. Pugh
Springville, Calif.

Flying Proud

It was truly sad for me to see in my entire neighborhood that I was the only one who displayed the American Flag on Memorial Day. However, I was pleased that our 27-year-old grandson did display the flag I had given him several years ago.

I want to suggest that all Legionnaires give at least one American Flag to a member of their family each year. The cost is low, but the benefits and pride are enormous.

Milton A. Braun
Dallas

Farewell Welfare

Congress should reduce welfare dependency ("Should Congress halt welfare benefits for unwed teenage mothers?", Big Issues, May). I believe welfare should be paid over a two-year period during which job training should be provided. Our current system provides \$15,000 to an unwed teen, provided she doesn't work and does not marry an employed male. This is wrong and must be modified to provide a work training incentive.

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Saddam Hussein's invasion of Kuwait—and his million-man army's resounding defeat in the Gulf War—were neither the beginning nor the end of Iraq's military mischief and territorial ambitions.

And while our victory was decisive, our commitment to contain Saddam must be unyielding if this victory is to stand the test of time.

In this issue, THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE examines the challenge of keeping Iraq out of trouble and analyzes how we did in the war. (See "What Did We Win In The Gulf?" by Brian Crozier, Page 23.)

This article shows how we won a great victory in this war—but also that more battles may lay ahead. In many ways, how we respond to these post-war problems will determine how complete or incomplete our military triumph ultimately was.

These post-war challenges include: keeping a strong military presence in the Persian Gulf to deter more Iraqi aggression; taking steps to improve the economic opportunities of the people in the Gulf nations so some of the motives for future wars are defused; and most important, taking care of our veterans who served in the Gulf.

From Agent Orange-related diseases to the mystery illnesses that appeared in the wake of the Gulf War, we are confronted with visible signs of wars that, supposedly, have ended. If nothing else, such grim truths tell us that some aspects of battle defy the tidy finish we



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would prefer wars to have.

"There is still this American view that war is decisive, that war fundamentally changes history," says Tom McNaugher, a senior political analyst at RAND. One lesson of Desert Storm, as explained by McNaugher, is that "we shouldn't expect so much from war."

What Americans tend to expect from war is raging battles beginning and ending on a certain day. It just doesn't work that way. Tensions build up over time before the first shot is fired, and human suffering continues long after the sound of gunfire is gone.

To try to draw a line where war starts and finishes is an exercise only attempted by those who have never experienced it. War is messy and costly, and rarely results in a victory that can last without continued military vigilance and a commitment to care for those who fought.

Many people don't recognize how few rewards victory offers to those who served and were disabled or became ill. Disabled veterans pay the costs of war on a daily basis, as do their families.

Young children who lose one of their parents to war never see an end to some degree of loss.

We must remember the mission inscribed on a plaque on the Department of Veterans Affairs building in Washington, D.C.:

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Caring for veterans with high-quality, readily available health care is part of war. By accepting this, Americans have to give up the safe and comforting notion that wars begin and end on a certain day.

There are other uncomfortable truths as well. Like it or not, in war the bad guys don't always get what they deserve: They very often stay in power and live to fight another day. That's why victory is seldom complete and battles are ongoing.

Whether we are talking about a strong military, or medical care for veterans, we are talking about war. We are accepting our responsibility as a nation to see armed conflict the way it really is: not simple, not clean, not finite in any way.

The American Legion views many of its roles as part of the lingering cost of war. Taking an oath to God and Country, as Legionnaires do, is not for a day, or a month or a year. It is a lifetime commitment—one I personally take very seriously, and one I hope you do, too.

As we assess and reassess the Gulf War, let's not forget that many of the ongoing battles will be fought in VA hospitals and rehabilitation centers in our own country.

We must be as strong in these battles as we were on the parched desert battlefields against Saddam Hussein and his million-man army, if we want to make our victory a lasting and meaningful one. □

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SHOULD CONGRESS END AFFIRMATIVE ACTION?

Rep. Ron Packard (R-California)

One does not solve discrimination with discrimination. Affirmative action represents nothing more than a government-designed racial spoils system. Equal treatment, not preferential treatment, should be the standard. Equal opportunity, not equal results, must be the goal.

For the past 30 years, government quotas and guidelines have promoted a society that treats some Americans differently from others. Government dictates how varying ethnic groups will divvy up jobs, promotions, contracts and college admissions.

Affirmative action promotes opportunity based on race and creed, not merit. This premise conveys the false idea that minorities cannot compete without special favors. Simply put, it implies inferiority.

Affirmative action pits group against group, stirring envy and resentment while eroding the value of individual worth. You do not raise yourself up by holding others down. Government-imposed favoritism demeans the genuine achievements of those it is supposed to help.

This system erodes the American ideal that anyone who works hard and plays by the rules has an equal chance to achieve his or her goals—an ideal that has fueled our nation's push towards prosperity, generation after generation.

In the twisted game of affirmative action, quantity takes precedence over quality, allowing discrimination to pose under the guise of "fairness." We must not confuse equal opportunity with equal results any longer.

The original goal of affirmative action was to expand opportunities for minorities, not to promote official discrimination. It is not the job of government, business or the educational system to guarantee equal outcomes or favor one group over another.

The November elections sent one resounding message throughout the halls of Congress and throughout our nation's state and local legislatures: Enough is enough.

Surveys in California and around the country seem to indicate a growing consensus that preference based on race is contrary to the ideal of equal opportunity.

The era of quotas has come to an end. We need to reinforce the notion that hope, hard work and God-given ability pave the road towards success. □

YES



Sen. Carol Moseley-Braun (D-Illinois)

NO



Affirmative action is about fundamental fairness. It is about whether each of us will be allowed to fully participate in society regardless of gender or race, or will instead be held back by conditions that have nothing to do with merit, talents or abilities.

If we consider all the facts, it is clear that affirmative action is about equal economic opportunity—not just for minorities, but for women as well.

When the first executive order on affirmative action was issued in 1964, there were about 74 million working Americans; by 1994 there were over 123 million working Americans and nearly 50 million new jobs. Although women and minorities entered the work force in unprecedented numbers, these new jobs were not created by taking away jobs held by men. They were created by using the talents that a diverse work force brings to our economy.

Affirmative action has opened up opportunities for women. Since 1972, for example, women have gone from 3 percent of architects to 18.6 percent, from 10 percent of physicians to 22 percent, from 4 percent of lawyers to 23 percent, from less than 1 percent of engineers to 8.9 percent, and from 22 percent to 50 percent of the advertising work force. More important, a rapidly growing number of women now own their own businesses.

Meanwhile, African-Americans, men in particular, have benefited the least of any group from affirmative action. Today, African-American men with college degrees earn 79 percent of the amount earned by their white counterparts. In 1972, unemployment among white males was 5.1 percent; for black males, the figure was 10.4 percent. In 1994, the unemployment rate for white males rose to 5.3 percent, while the figure for black males rose to 11.5 percent.

These numbers show that black men are not taking all of the jobs that were held by white men.

The quota debate is a fake. Affirmative action is a range of activities to support opportunity and diversity in the workplace and in our economy—the reverse of quotas.

I am confident that any review of affirmative action will show what the nation's major employers already know:

Affirmative action is good for the community, good for business, good for working people and good for the country. □

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Marginal Thinking

It may have been the most controversial question ever asked of any Marine: Would you fire on U.S. citizens resisting confiscation of firearms banned by their government?

Much like Russian soldiers in Chechnya who were ordered to shoot their own people and refused, the resounding answer from the Marines—three out of four—was no. In some cases, "Hell no!"

When word leaked out that this sensitive issue, as well as others, had been raised with 300 Marines at the Twenty-nine Palms Marine Corps Base, Calif., members of Congress demanded to know what was going on.

The questions were part of an inquiry exploring the impact of U.S. involvement in U.N. peacekeeping missions on the cohesion of U.S. forces. Conducted under the auspices of the Naval Postgraduate School by Navy Lt. Cmdr. Ernest G. Cunningham, the eye-opening survey also found that: 73 percent opposed U.N. control of U.S. troops; 69 percent would not swear allegiance to the United Nations; and 67 percent did not believe the President has the authority to pass his responsibility as Commander-in-Chief to the U.N. Secretary-General.

Cunningham says those who answered negatively on the firearms question were adamant, using "heavier pen or pencil marks on their response or written comments in the margin." Besides "Hell no," these remarks included, "If you take our [Constitutional] amendments away, then you can take this job and stick it where the sun don't shine."

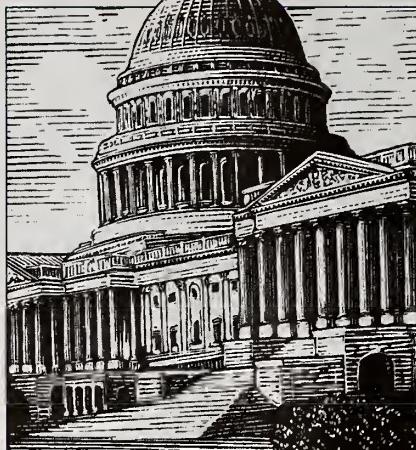
More Whitewater

Did former White House aide Vincent Foster maintain Swiss bank accounts? If so, for what purpose?

The continuing controversy over Foster's death took a strange new twist when news of secret trips to Switzerland by the long-time Clinton ally was broken by a British journalist, Ambrose Evans-Pritchard, in the *London Sunday Telegraph*. Even Foster's wife apparently was unaware of the trips.

Quoting from White House travel records, Evans-Pritchard confirmed two

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WASHINGTON WATCH

By Cliff Kincaid

Foster trips both during and after the Clinton presidential campaign, as well as the cancellation of another trip just before Foster's death in July 1993.

These reports caused investigators to re-examine curious remarks Foster's sister, Sheila Anthony, made to a psychiatrist whose help she sought on her brother's behalf. According to an FBI report, Anthony told the psychiatrist that her brother "was dealing on a daily basis with Top Secret matters and that his depression was directly related to highly sensitive and confidential matters."

Foster's death was ruled a suicide by the first special prosecutor in the Whitewater affair, Robert Fiske, but his successor, Kenneth Starr, reopened the investigation.

New World Odor?

Shed no tears for outgoing U.N. Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali. Though he loses his \$301,075 annual salary, he'll retire at over \$96,000 a year. This, after just five years on the job, or less, if Boutros-Ghali is forced out before his term expires in 1996.

Openly criticized by the Clinton administration for the Bosnia fiasco, Boutros-Ghali is destined to be replaced by Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, who enjoys U.S. backing.

Also occupying the thoughts of U.N. observers these days are corruption and waste. In the former category is the disappearance of \$10 million from UNICEF. In the latter, Congress is taking a hard look at U.N. salaries and pensions, higher by up to 43 percent than those in civil service.

Meanwhile, at the World Bank.... "An enormous financial sacrifice" was how incoming president, investment banker James D. Wolfensohn, described his new post, which will net him \$190,000 a year plus \$90,000 for entertaining. Sympathetic bank officials just may end up paying the cost of Wolfensohn's excursions on his private jet as well. This could be no small matter, since Wolfensohn, once dubbed "The Flying Banker," is planning to spend his first six months traveling the world to assess agency operations.

Wolfensohn, by the way, has pledged to cut the fat from the World Bank's budget.

One-Stop Shopping

Already a tense subject on Capitol Hill, aid to Russia is growing even more controversial now that evidence has surfaced linking Moscow to the Japanese religious sect suspected in the nerve gas attack on the Tokyo subway. The group was found with tons of sarin, the same nerve agent detected during the Persian Gulf War.

Despite denials by Moscow officials, the Russian newspaper *Izvestia* reports that the Foreign Intelligence Service was aware that chemical weapons were "leaking" from Russian territory to the sect. Another report said the sect leader met with "high-ranking Russian figures" in Moscow.

A *New York Times* probe revealed that the sect had bought a Russian helicopter and is in the market for Russian tanks, subs and fighter aircraft.

Rest in Peace

The federally funded U.S. Institute of Peace, once hailed as an alternative to the military academy, is destined to be cut by House Budget Committee chairman Rep. John Kasich. The Washington-based academy was to have offered a curriculum counterbalancing the offerings at West Point, Annapolis and Colorado Springs, but never quite got off the ground after its 1984 debut. Budgeted at \$11 million annually, it has functioned as a think tank. □

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The Legion's News Express

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EDIA GURU
Marshall McLuhan coined the phrase "the medium is the message" in discussing news organizations. McLuhan's point was that our perception of news typically is shaped by the way it is presented to us.

If that is so, then readers of *The American Legion Dispatch* no doubt come away viewing their organization as a dynamic, aggressive force on the American scene. The *Dispatch* is the best source for late-breaking news on the national front, as well as the most in-depth chronicler of official Legion business.

Published by National Headquarters, the *Dispatch* is mailed free of charge twice each month to more than 16,000 Legion leaders at the National, Department, District and Post levels. About 5,000 others are paid subscribers who receive 22 issues a year for \$15. The *Dispatch* also publishes at least two supplements each year, including a special National Convention preview.

The *Dispatch* debuted in the summer of 1991 as a newsletter, reducing postal costs by consolidating news and information published by the various Legion programs and service divisions in Indianapolis and Washington, D.C.

With such a sweeping mandate, it wasn't long before the publication's editorial advisory board saw the need to expand both the *Dispatch*'s coverage and format. In May 1992, a new-and-improved, tabloid-sized *Dispatch* rolled

JOHNE SIMON



off the presses, complete with color photographs and twice the editorial space.

"Establishment of the *Dispatch* shortened the direct communications chain between National Headquarters and Departments and Posts," says National Commander William M. Detweiler. "It's a useful tool for subscribers to promote American Legion programs and to communicate what the Legion is and who it serves."

Each issue of the *Dispatch* packs a solid mix of Legion-related news, reports of veterans' legislation on Capitol Hill, and feature articles on how Posts and individual Legionnaires around the country communicate the Legion's many messages. For example, in an effort to tell readers what Posts are doing to promote Legion programs and to help their communities, the *Dispatch* recently launched a new feature called "Still Serving America." Also in every issue, the National Commander and National Adjutant address pressing issues facing The American Legion and the nation.

Still, the biggest selling point of the *Dispatch* may be its ability to report Legion news with—well—dispatch.

"We'll do whatever is necessary to ensure that readers have the most current information available," says editor Joe Stuteville. "If the situation warrants it, we can literally stop the presses."

In recent months, in fact, the Legion's slate of important, volatile causes has necessitated exactly that action on a number of occasions. When the Smithsonian Institution announced Jan. 31 that it had revised its controversial Enola Gay exhibit, the *Dispatch* pulled its planned cover story and substituted up-to-the-minute coverage of the Legion's triumph. Equally fast action was required when the National Convention this year was shifted with little notice from Portland to Indianapolis.

In the past year, the *Dispatch* has also provided hard-hitting coverage of the flap over gays in the military, budget cuts affecting veterans and the file-tampering incidents at the VA's Board of Veterans Appeals (a story broken by THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE).

More recently, the *Dispatch* published a steady flow of articles relating to The American Legion's quest for a flag-protection amendment. At press

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The National Air and Space Museum will display the historic bomber without political bias, but the future of the airplane remains in limbo.

SINCE EARLY in the Spring of 1994, your American Legion has been deeply involved in efforts to force historical accuracy and intellectual honesty on those behind the now-infamous Enola Gay exhibit at the Smithsonian Institution's National Air and Space Museum

This is an extract of a speech delivered by Internal Affairs Commission Chairman Herman G. Harrington before the National Executive Committee in May.

(NASM). In truth, we have been more than involved: We have been the conscience of the nation, leading the way, shining the light of correctness—not political correctness but the pure and simple correctness of truth—into musty nooks and crannies at NASM. Nooks and crannies where revisionists and apologists hide.

We have been amazed. We have occasionally been startled, and we have too often been dismayed and angered at what we found there. Because of your support and encouragement, and that of literally thousands of Legionnaires and ordinary citizens, we have prevailed.

The victory has not been without casualties—the latest of which, I am happy to report, is NASM Director Martin Harwit, who, when he finally looked us in the eyes, saw our resolve and realized his position was doomed. He has resigned, and we shed no tears for his departure. Although we never called for his departure, and never publicly called into question his motives, those of us who dealt with him know

that he provided the philosophical and political underpinnings on which the original exhibit was mounted.

We have earned the wrath of the revisionist historians. We have been accused of racism, bullying and political arm-twisting. We've been called the new McCarthyites. But the pips and squeaks of a few revisionist historians whose feelings are hurt—and whose books might not sell as well now as they had originally hoped—are, in my opinion, the best evidence that we are right.

I hope all of you have had, or will take, the time to read the special interview published in [the May issue of] THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE. The history of our involvement is contained



HERMAN G. HARRINGTON

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in that article, and it is a history all of us can be proud of.

In that history, and in the history that will be written of this episode, it will be seen that the bright light of honesty—of reality—exposed the mosaic that NASM and their supporters hoped to create by their prostitution of history.

Instead of a joyful mosaic celebrating the end of the bloodiest calamity ever to befall this world, theirs was a mosaic of World War II that only they recognized. It was familiar to them because in their heart of hearts, that is how they see America. They learned that their vision and our vision—the vision of The American Legion and, indeed, the American people—are



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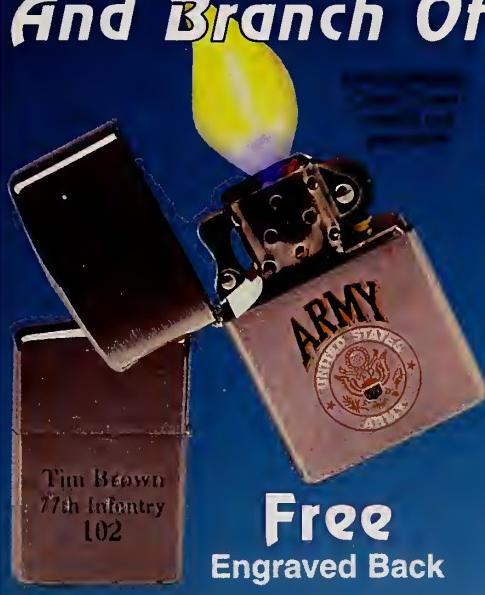
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irreconcilable. Their vision is unrecognizable, because it is a counterfeit. And not a very good one, at that.

In exposing this counterfeit, The American Legion did exert tremendous pressure on the Smithsonian Institution. Sound research, accurate assessment of public sentiment, aggressive congressional coordination and constant communication brought down this ill-conceived exhibit.

Because of the pressure, the Secretary of the Smithsonian canceled the exhibit and replaced it with a display of only a portion of the fuselage—56 feet—and a few photos. That decision was the end of the beginning.

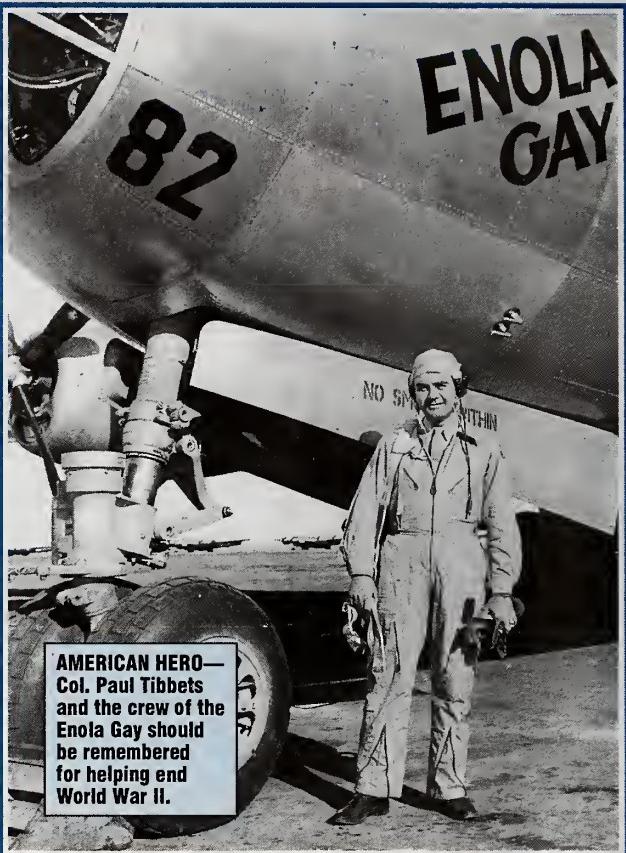
Such an incomplete display of one of the most famous aircraft in American history is unsatisfactory. It is our position that Enola Gay be displayed in its entirety, fully restored and reassembled, without controversy and without bias.

No longer should, or will, Enola Gay be held hostage for Smithsonian's budgetary purposes; no longer are we of WWII vintage willing to wait—not 10 years, not 10 months—for the display of that aircraft, as they propose, in some remote place. It is our position that the aircraft be displayed now.

In the museum. On the mall. In downtown Washington, D.C.

If not now, and if not there, then in another museum that will display it properly, correctly and with the respect and reverence due a machine used by our comrades to preserve the lives of literally thousands of our fellow soldiers, airmen, sailors and Marines.

This is an important time for America and especially for its WWII veterans. A time of remembrance. A time of commemoration. A time of celebration. May 8 marks the 50th anniversary of the end of the bloody war with Fascist Germany. Sept. 2 marks the 50th an-



niversary of the end of the brutal war with the imperialist Japanese Empire. We have a right to remember and to celebrate, and no one has the right to deny us that.

In World War II, this nation found itself under attack from the uniformed armies of two of the cruelest, most inhumane governments the world has ever seen. The United States faced down these tyrants, successfully prosecuting the war to the amazement of the world—and in the process sacrificed 406,000 of its young men and women.

These young lives were not lost in a campaign for glory, for territory, for supremacy; they were given in the defense of liberty and individual freedom, not only for their countrymen, but for all the world. More would have been lost, had we not turned the technology and weapons of the enemy on himself.

It was not the United States who first proposed to harness the power of the atom for war. It was Germany. It was not the United States who proposed lethal disease, gas and laser weapons to achieve its ends. It was the Japanese.

It is as simple as that.

In this 50th commemoration year, the veterans of World War II had hoped—had expected—that Enola Gay could be a focal point. It is, after all, the machine that delivered the weapon that saved hundreds of thousands of lives, both American and Japanese, by ending the war.

Japan would have you believe that those who died in Hiroshima and Nagasaki died as a result of America's brutality, not as a result of Japan's expansionist aggression.

The world knows better.

This spring and summer, America will celebrate the final victory over Fascist Germany and Imperial Japan. We don't need any help—especially from a country that refuses to accept responsibility for its actions, that denies its aggression and brutality, and portrays itself as the innocent victim of a fate it brought on itself by its refusal to lay down its arms and leave the world in peace.

America needs no help from Japan who persists in its own delusions of victimhood and has the audacity to declare its WWII defeat a holocaust. A nation that so denies its responsibility, and so distorts its history, behaves as a nation without honor.

Do we need their advice and condemnation?

Thanks...but no thanks.

We thank God for the Enola Gay and its crew—and for Harry Truman.

Newt Gingrich summed it up: "Political correctness may be okay in some faculty lounge, but the Smithsonian is a treasure that belongs to the American people and it should not become a plaything for left-wing ideologies."

The American people and most especially the American veterans know what World War II was fought for. We know the horrendous cost of that world conflict, and we have strong opinions on how the end should be commemorated. This year may pass without a fully restored Enola Gay to visit, but if it does, it will not be for lack of American Legion effort.

The people of this nation need no help from any other nation in remembering the truth. □

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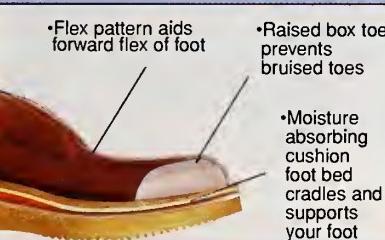
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Does America Have One?



By Elliott Abrams

FROM George Washington to Bill Clinton, the American foreign-policy debate has reflected two powerful and contradictory impulses—the commitment to democracy, and the equally powerful desire to avoid entanglement in foreign wars.

The current foreign-policy debate about commitments and intervention poses some ominous questions: When should the United States risk the lives of American soldiers to solve other people's problems? Does U.S. security require intervening overseas to promote

the expansion of democracy? Or is the United States instead safer by avoiding foreign crises? This is a debate over values and interests, means and ends, risk and sacrifice.

It was clear to early American leaders that the United States—weak and surrounded by the powerful British, French and Spanish empires—was less likely to survive if it remained the only democratic republic in a world of tyrannies and monarchies. Where the people ruled, Americans believed, there would be peace. Our own peace and security were therefore directly tied to the expansion of democracy overseas.

Yet at the same time, foreign entanglements were seen as a source of endless peril. To virtually all Americans, Europe was a source of danger, composed of what Jefferson called "nations of eternal war." Though we would trade with her, we would keep our distance from her eternal wars. Instead, America turned to explore its own frontier and to fulfill its manifest destiny.

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BOSNIA

Our "foreign" activity was thus centered in the Western Hemisphere.

A century and a half later that policy was shattered by World War I. Changes in military technology had made America vulnerable, as German submarine warfare proved. Suddenly, the same analysis that had long sustained American neutrality—a hard-headed assessment of the power wielded by America and its allies—now demanded Ameri-

It's hard to conduct a successful foreign policy when you have two contradictory goals—and you can't decide which one is more important.



SOMALIA

GIVING HELP—Humanitarian relief efforts, as in Haiti and Somalia, justify a brief, limited military intervention.

BUT NOT NATION BUILDING—Slipping into the bottomless task of restoring peace to places like Bosnia is a costly error.

can intervention. This argument was cast in traditional security terms, limiting America's foreign role to that dictated by military necessity.

President Woodrow Wilson's War Message to Congress in 1917, however, broadened the goals of intervention, proposing not merely peace in Europe but *democracy* as well. The political systems of other nations became a matter of deep concern because, in the tra-

ditional American view, a nation's politics dictates its foreign policy.

And so our most fundamental foreign policy became, as John F. Kennedy put it in his inaugural address, the "survival and success of liberty," for which we would "pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship."

The Clinton Foreign Policy

To be fair to the Clinton administra-

tion, it has faced complex and often novel post-Cold War problems. The proliferation of chemical, biological and atomic weaponry and missile delivery systems, and the startling growth of the conventional military strength of several developing nations, pose new military threats. Meanwhile, the end of the Cold War gave rise to—or permitted the long-suppressed eruption of—an enormous variety of religious, ethnic and national disputes. These have already broken Europe's peace and threaten more bloodshed in virtually every part of the world.

Yet even in its third year, the Clinton administration seems curiously incapable of treading a coherent foreign-policy line. In part, this is because *multilateralism*—action in concert with other nations—was the key to Clinton's initial foreign policy. This was the



undertaken by President Bush must be distinguished from the conflict in the Balkans under Clinton. In the Gulf, a clear and easily understood act of unprovoked aggression across national boundaries occurred—an act which threatened to bring a very large percentage of world oil supplies under the control of an extremely dangerous and hostile regime.

Although Bush administration rhetoric stressed the defense of the "world order" against aggression, no one could believe a similar military action would have occurred if oil supplies were not a factor. Moreover, restoring Kuwaiti self-rule was possible. For such reasons, the Gulf case was self-limiting. It did not imply similar American involvement in every border dispute around the globe.

The dispute involving Bosnia, Serbia and Croatia is quite different. This struggle is internal. Ancient and infinitely complex ethnic and religious divisions are at the heart of the conflict; and the direct American interest is difficult to see.

Intervention in such a case, therefore, implies precisely the nightmare that has preoccupied Americans for two centuries. Are we now to accept—even seek—military involvement in the "nations of eternal war" that lay beyond the seas? The combination of aggressive leadership and deep societal divisions that spawned war in Bosnia will probably reappear repeatedly. Should we send troops each time?

The Clinton administration has provided little direction to citizens seeking guidance about America's world role after the Cold War. The administration is in its third year in office without a cogent approach to national security policy—one that tells us when we can safely avoid a foreign crisis, and when we must intervene.

Idealism and Restraint

How will America today find the balance between its hopes for democracy and peace, and its fear of foreign commitments?

Since 1917, Americans have undertaken enormous sacrifices in foreign wars, but typically after much procrastination and with great reluctance. Throughout the Cold War, American officials wrestled to keep the goals of maximizing security while minimizing

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President's response to the historical problem of meeting American commitments while abiding by the popular desire to avoid "foreign entanglements." By the terms of this "Clinton Doctrine," the new American proxy would be the United Nations. It was symptomatic that the administration sought U.N. approval of American military intervention in Haiti in the summer of 1994. This was the first time any American President had felt that he needed prior international approval for action to protect American interests in this hemisphere.

When multilateral efforts such as those in Somalia and Bosnia turned out badly, a gaping hole was left in the administration's approach. For if the President could not achieve his goals at low cost through multilateral efforts, the gap between policy ends and means became enormous, especially at a time of feverish military downsizing. As George Szamuely puts it, "the Clinton administration...seemed to be committed to an interventionist foreign policy and an isolationist defense policy driven by deficit-reduction targets." In other words, Clinton was trying to conduct an active foreign policy while methodically stripping himself of the tools with which to intervene.

A related problem with the Clinton approach was its reluctance to assert American interests as a principle in its own right. Administration officials seemed to doubt the legitimacy of frank assertions of national self-interest; they

preferred to claim that humanitarian or internationalist goals were the true motivation for U.S. action. Indeed, when the administration sent American soldiers into Somalia and Rwanda, it did so devoid of any true national interest, but in a multilateral effort on behalf of humanitarian goals.

T IS one thing to seek multilateral support for American goals—but it is quite another to subordinate American goals to the objectives of others. Jeane Kirkpatrick, former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations has made the point forcefully:

"For the Clinton team, implementing the decisions of the U.N. Security Council and the secretary general in Somalia, Bosnia, Cambodia or wherever is our foreign policy. Doing what the United Nations calls on us to do is our foreign policy."

America's historical goal—in Germany in 1917, Germany and Japan in 1941, and then in Korea, Vietnam and the Persian Gulf—has been not only to defend narrow national interests but also to advance the cause of freedom in the world. Yet this belief cannot transform every military operation into benevolent intervention aimed at righting all wrongs or promoting peace and unity throughout the world, especially when the authority to initiate such operations is handed over to others. *War can be defended only when clear national interests are at stake.*

It is here that the Persian Gulf War



Why you shouldn't believe everything you've heard about the aftereffects of Desert Storm.

What Did We Win In The Gulf?

By Brian Crozier

IT STARTED even before the troops were back on American soil: Self-described "military analysts" began bellowing that we didn't really do as well in the Gulf as the glowing reports from U.S. generals Norman Schwarzkopf and Colin Powell led us to believe. We were told that our Patriot missiles didn't work, that the exhilarating intercepts we all thought we saw nightly on CNN were a figment of our collective imagination. The analysts

said the same was true of the mesmerizing surgical strikes Schwarzkopf highlighted during his regular press briefings.

It wasn't long before journalists picked up on the theme and embellished it. Now, four years later, they are fond of pointing out that Saddam Hussein is still running things in Baghdad, and his army is rebuilding to a size approaching what it was before the Gulf War. They say Iraq's nuclear program—the one we were determined to derail—remains quietly on track, despite all those air strikes and the best efforts of frustrated teams of international observers. Some journalists even

seem to take a perverse delight in reminding us that Gulf War Syndrome may be a lingering aftereffect of the chemical weapons we didn't even realize were being used against us—as if to say, Saddam is having the last laugh after all.

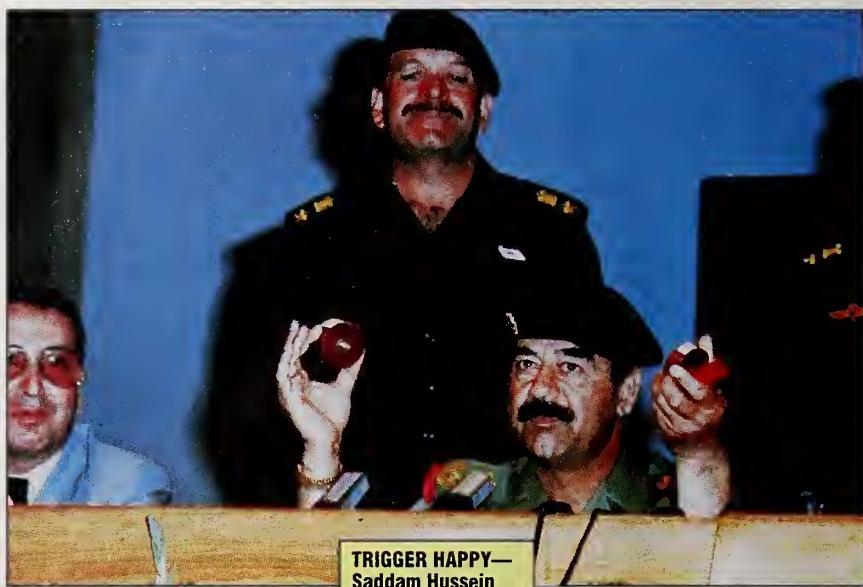
Amid all this, cynics might wonder: What, if anything, did we win in the Gulf?

The answers—based on input from a panel of leading experts—may surprise you. Especially if you've been putting a lot of stock in the pessimistic reports from network commentators.

The main gripe from critics is that in failing to remove Saddam and finish off his army, we left loose ends that may come back to haunt us. And on the

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FOREIGN POLICY



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TRIGGER HAPPY—
Saddam Hussein
flaunts nuclear
detonators he
acquired despite
U.S. efforts to
prevent it.

surface, there may be some merit to this argument.

Lawrence Korb, a former assistant secretary of defense and senior fellow at the Brookings Institute, concedes that "the U.S. victory in the Gulf was not as decisive as we would have liked." Korb blames a minor breakdown in intelligence: "It turns out we did not destroy as much of the Republican Guard as we thought we had. [Saddam] never committed his front line troops to the frontline. What you had on the Kuwaiti-Saudi border were basically old men and young boys."

The upshot, some believe, is that Iraq can too easily rearm itself. Although most military insiders agree that the allied bombings set back Iraq's nuclear program by perhaps a decade, there is still Saddam's obsession with completing the program.

More alarming, other nations—notably the Russians—are willing to covertly supply him with materials that can be used for atomic weapons. And U.N.-imposed restrictions on Iraqi armaments do not even cover conventional-weapons plants. Thus, on-site inspection of Iraq's nuclear facilities does nothing to prevent tanks and other weapons from being produced in mass numbers. Nor does the United Nations ban ballistic weapons with a range of less than 150 kilometers—a sufficient range to hit Kuwait and Saudi Arabia.

Then there are credible reports that

Iraq retains a hidden stockpile of biological weapons. "Nothing we did in terms of bombing could have attacked the biological facilities successfully," says Anthony Cordesman, a Georgetown professor of national security who became familiar to viewers as an ABC analyst during Desert Storm.

Such seeming indictments of the Gulf War overlook a number of important factors, first and foremost that the sort of total, unambiguous victory contemplated by some critics was never an explicit goal of Desert Storm. "I think that was one of the few serious mistakes [George Bush] made in the overall crisis," says Tom McNaugher, a senior political scientist at RAND who served as an Army Reserve lieutenant colonel during the Gulf War. "He kept referring to Saddam as Hitler, which implied the need to topple the guy. [But] there was never any intention in the official documents to overthrow Saddam, something allied forces easily could have done."

Says Korb, "What we wanted to do was to destroy enough of Saddam's offensive capability so that it would be very difficult for him to threaten his neighbors, certainly for the rest of this decade."

That goal was surely accomplished, and in stunning fashion. The air war was a cakewalk; the ground war was one of the shortest in history, lasting only three days. Indeed, the remarkable dispatch with which the allies over-



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weekly newsletter, *Foreign Report*, the Iraqi army is down to 28 divisions, from 60-plus at the end of the war with Iran. At that time (1988), land troops totaled 1.5 million; today, the total is only 315,000. In 1988, Iraq's air force had 700 combat aircraft; today's figure is 300. "The Navy was virtually wiped out," says Georgetown's Cordesman.

He adds that the U.N.-voted embargo against Iraq has further weakened Saddam's military. "The Iraqi army is dependent on billions of dollars of imports every year to make up for

very serious weaknesses in maintenance, sustainability and logistics. It now has not had those imports for nearly five years."

Retired Army Maj. Gen. Edward B. Atkeson, senior associate at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, estimates that the Iraqi army is "about half the strength" that it was pre-Desert Storm and that it is "deteriorating by a rate of 3 percent per year so long as we maintain the embargo."

As Kelly asserts, "I can assure you that Saddam Hussein was thoroughly trounced and will not be able to project power again in his lifetime."

Proof of this may be found in Sad...
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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE



DUD SCUDS—
Hussein's Scuds,
left and above,
were no match
for our Patriot
missiles.

whelmed Iraqi defenses may have accounted for the Scud attacks against Saudi Arabia and Israel on the part of Saddam Hussein, who was no doubt frustrated at his troops' inability to mount a credible counteroffensive. "He had 60,000 of his soldiers surrender in two days," says retired Army Lt. Gen. Tom Kelly, director of operations in the Gulf theater during the war.

According to figures quoted in a recent issue of *The Economist* magazine's

ARMOR ALL—
Iraq will require
constant U.S.
vigilance as it
continues to
produce tanks
and other
conventional
weapons.



Do Americans Expect

Recent U.S. military campaigns have gone so well that we may now have an unrealistic view of what it means to fight a war.

By Gonzalo I. Vergara

ANALYSIS of recent U.S. military operations reveals one clear unifying thread: They have incurred fewer casualties, and concluded more quickly and decisively, than previous conflicts. The reasons range from the increasing professionalism of the modern military, to the size and ineptness of the opposition, to, of course, the efficacy of new technologies which make war more a matter of pushing buttons than fixing bayonets.

Certainly the ability to minimize losses and bring conflict to a speedy resolution is a worthwhile pursuit. Unfortunately, the doctrine of "QDVMC"—Quick Decisive Victories with Minimum Casualties—has implications and after-effects that can be problematic for U.S. military policy. As a result of the relatively rosy outcome of America's recent overseas conflicts, many citizens now consider QDVMC to be the norm.

In short, war now is seen as an almost sanitary pursuit. The American public has been conditioned to believe that in order to be judged a success, a

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military operation must be quickly accomplished and relatively bloodless.

GIVEN these desires and expectations on the part of large numbers of the American public, two unsettling issues arise:

(1) Because casualties are inherent in military operations—not all of which can be accomplished quickly—the military may be setting itself up for future failure.

(2) An enemy commander may achieve victory over us (political, if not tactical) just by keeping our forces at bay. To a certain extent, this was the dilemma we faced in Somalia.

A review of American casualties in

military operations since World War II (see table, opposite page) reveals a declining number of troops killed in action, particularly post-Vietnam. Even more significant than the absolute decline in fatalities are the statistical averages obtainable by dividing the total number of deaths by the duration of each conflict. In Korea, for example, we lost approximately 1,500 GIs per month. By the time of Vietnam, that figure had dropped to less than 600 per month.

Notwithstanding all the hype about Saddam Hussein's Republican Guard and Scud missiles, the Gulf War claimed less than 300 American lives, total. These declining mortality figures

BLOODLESS War?



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A soldier in the
Gulf grieves at the
death of a friend.
Will we gauge the
success of future
wars by Gulf War
standards?

cannot be attributed to a corresponding decline in American commitment to its foreign causes; for example, we sent 520,000 troops to the Persian Gulf in just a few months. It is entirely likely that today's generation will gauge military casualties resulting from all future conflicts in relation to those few suffered in the Gulf War. (This is in marked contrast to previous generations of Americans, who had as their benchmark World War II and Korea, where the cumulative death toll approached a half-million.)

There are also compelling social reasons which make it harder for today's government to sustain a war in

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CASUALTIES OF WAR

World War II	1941–1945	405,399
Korean War	1950–1953	54,246
Vietnam War	1965–1973	58,135
Lebanon Intervention	1983–1984	268
Grenada Invasion	1983	42
Panama Invasion	1989	26
Gulf War	1990–1991	293
Somalia	1992–1994	43
Haiti	1994–present	(occupation duties) 1

Figures are for those killed in action only.

He Gave 'Em Hell

In an interview 33 years ago, Truman shares candid thoughts about Hiroshima, the arms race and Soviet trustworthiness as the world hurtles toward the Cold War's most serious crisis.

JUNE 1962.... Nikita Khrushchev's threat to "bury" us still reverberates through the national psyche as forcefully as the pounding of his shoe at the United Nations two years earlier. And though no one knows it yet, America and the world are just months away from the Cuban Missile Crisis, which will bring mankind closer to the brink of nuclear holocaust than any event before or since. At the Kremlin and the Pentagon, military strategists busily plot first-strike scenarios; in Siberia and middle-America, secret factories crank out nuclear warheads at production-line pace. The warheads are then shipped to underground silos where they are placed atop ICBMs, silently awaiting the command everyone hopes will never be given.

In the summer of 1962, politicians, editorialists and observers of the social scene worldwide were pointing fingers at each other over an arms race no one wanted. As part of their propaganda effort, the Soviets had begun accusing former President Harry "Give 'Em Hell" Truman of using Hiroshima and Nagasaki as living demonstration sites in order to intimidate Russian leaders.

Around this time, journalist Philip C. Clarke, who would later become a regular contributor to THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE, was fortunate enough to land a brief, but telling, radio interview with Truman. In the interview, the ex-President reflects not only on his reasons for ordering the strikes on Japan but offers new insights on the dawn of the atomic age. He also shows himself to be remarkably prescient about the "second Russian revolution" that would not come for another three decades.

The interview, prefaced by excerpts from Radio Moscow's caustic war of words, is presented here as it happened that day.

PHILIP CLARKE: Listen now as Radio Moscow attempts to pin the blame for today's nuclear arms race on former President Harry Truman.

RADIO MOSCOW: This bombing was actually the first round of preparations for nuclear war. In a private conversation, Harry Truman admitted that by destroying Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the United States expected to win the first round in a clash with Soviet Russia. Truman is reported to have been the first to say that it was time to start a nuclear war. In any case, he initiated the nuclear arms race.

CLARKE: That was the big lie. Even before the first nuclear bombs were dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, President Truman and other U.S. officials were striving earnestly to create the United Nations so that all wars, nuclear and non-nuclear, might be abolished. And it was under former President Truman that the United States took the initiative through the United Nations to bring about a workable system of disarmament, nuclear and non-nuclear. For the past 17 years these efforts have been thwarted by Soviet *nyets* and vetoes, more than 100 of them. Now Radio Moscow tries to whip up its lagging campaign of world protest against the U.S. nuclear tests in the Pacific with a communist-style "soap opera" complete with sound effects.

RADIO MOSCOW: On the morning of Aug. 6, 1945, the air alarm sounded in the Japanese city of Hiroshima. A lone American reconnaissance plane flew over and vanished. There was no air raid so the people came out of their bomb shelters. No one noticed another plane flying over at a great height. No one saw a parachute take off and come lazily floating down. But suddenly a frightful death, hitherto unknown to mankind, burst on that peaceful town. There was no excuse for this atomic murder of civilians, not even the excuse of military expediency, as Japan had practically lost the war by August 1945. The object of their crime was to intimidate the Soviet Union, compel the nations struggling for liberation to drop their fight and force the whole world under America's heels. That always has been, and still is, the purpose of all American nuclear tests.

CLARKE: And now, to answer these allegations about the atom bombing of Hiroshima and the American policy of nuclear arms and peace—Mr. Harry Truman, former President of the United States.

Mr. Truman, as we have just heard, Radio Moscow in its



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NAGASAKI—Japan ignored U.S. demands for a surrender, despite being warned that America now had a devastating new explosive.

HIGHLIGHTS

Harry S. Truman On...

The Japanese: "The bombs were dropped after Japan had been warned.... We asked them to surrender. They did not do it."

Soviet leaders: "They are not to be trusted. They broke 32 agreements that they made with me at Potsdam."

The Russian people: "They are good people. It's the 300,000 rulers of the Communist Party that cause all the trouble."

latest campaign against U.S. nuclear testing has gone all the way back to 1945 and charged that your order to bomb Hiroshima and Nagasaki started the nuclear arms race. What do you say about this?

PRESIDENT TRUMAN: The whole thing is just nothing but a big lie. The bombs were dropped after Japan had been warned that we had discovered the greatest explosive in the history of the world. We asked them to surrender. They did not do it.

We expected to land in Japan with a million men. Two

hundred and fifty thousand of them, it was estimated, would have been killed and a half-million of them would have been maimed for life; and many Japanese would have been hurt. After the Japanese refused in language that was not diplomatic—the offer that I made [for] them to surrender was unconditional—we dropped the bombs and they surrendered in a very short time after that.

After that was all over we had the complete corner on the know-how of atomic energy. I offered the Russians to have the control of all arms under the United Nations with inspec-

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THE MANHATTAN PROJECT



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DOLF HITLER often boasted that he would win World War II with secret weapons. History and irony conspired to prove him wrong: The one decisive secret of the war—the atomic bomb—was made in America.

"The Bomb" was so secret that Harry S. Truman didn't know about it until he became President in April 1945.... So secret that the remote outpost in New Mexico where the bomb

to avoid the risk of bombing, surveillance or an invasion by the Germans. Oak Ridge and Hanford were chosen to build bomb components because both had ample electricity and were rather remote. The Hanford complex was built under a \$1 contract to the DuPont chemical firm, which hoped to avoid post-war allegations of profiteering. The parts built at the two locations would be shipped to a remote spot northwest of Santa Fe, N.M., the Los Alamos Ranch School, for final

school with no last names. No one could register a car, open a bank account or file a tax return.

In Knoxville, locals joked that the government was making windshield wipers for submarines. Not to be outdone, Santa Fe residents said Roosevelt was building Los Alamos as an internment camp for Republicans.

Spearheading the U.S. effort were the oddest couple since the creation of the cartoon characters "Mutt and Jeff." On the production side was Brig. Gen.

The free world's scientific elite gathered in secrecy to create the fearsome weapon that would end World War II. By SID MOODY

was developed was rumored to be a hideaway for unmarried WACs who got pregnant.... So secret that even the workers who built the immense production facilities at Oak Ridge, Tenn., and Hanford, Wash., had no idea what they were building.

Prompted by reports that the British, Germans, Russians and Japanese were already at work exploiting the military potential of uranium, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt in June 1942 gave his approval to forge ahead with atomic research. Thus began the Manhattan Project—so-called because the program brain trust was the New York City-based Manhattan Engineer District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. By September the project was being accorded the highest priority.

Two months later, University of Chicago physicist Enrico Fermi completed work on the world's first nuclear reactor. Because many of Fermi's peers at the university feared that the reaction might well blow up Chicago, the physicist had built his device under the squash courts, where the faculty was less likely to find out about it. On Dec. 2, 1942, Fermi unveiled a primitive nuclear reaction using uranium as fuel. The result left no doubt about the awesome potential of atomic fission.

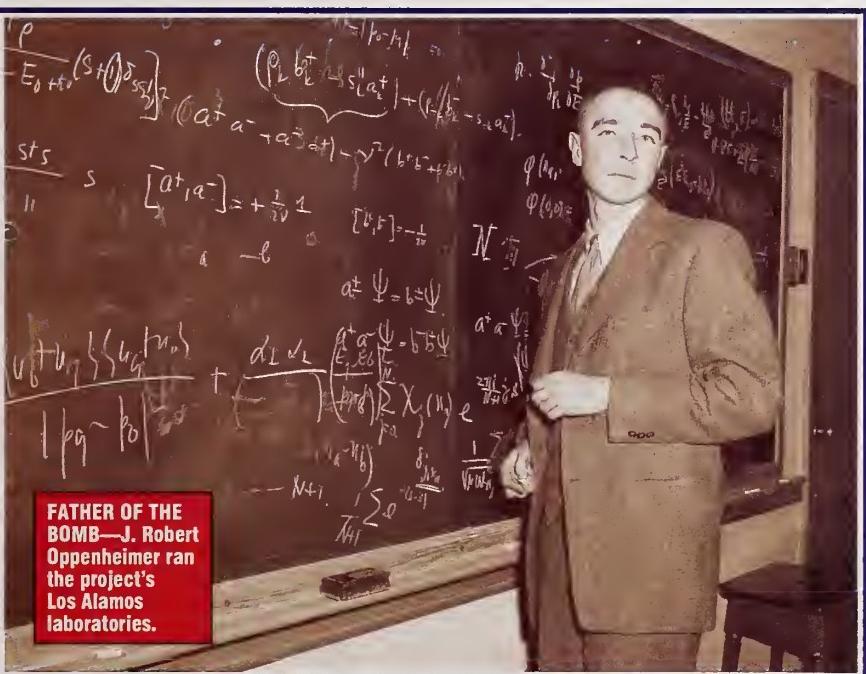
The weapon was to be developed in the United States instead of Britain

assembly and testing.

The impact of the program was immediate and stunning. For example, the population of Oak Ridge shot up by almost 80,000 overnight; an army of workers descended on the area just north of Knoxville, where they cleared a vast forest and replaced it with a complex of 268 buildings. Two of them, each the size of 20 football fields, were to be used to "separate" bomb-grade U-235 from standard U-238 (See "Birth of a Bomb," Page 33). In the meantime, many of the free world's scientific elite suddenly disappeared and began turning up at Los Alamos, where their children went to

Leslie R. Groves, an Army engineer who had built the new Pentagon, the world's largest office building, in just 18 months. His scientific sidekick was to be Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer, who had built a reputation as one of the premier experts on theoretical fission at some of the nation's premier colleges. Oppenheimer was as cadaverous as Groves was paunchy, as diplomatic as Groves was blunt, as broad-minded as Groves was pragmatic. Nonetheless, the two men hit it off splendidly, overcoming Groves' suspicions about Oppenheimer's far-left friendships.

Under heavily armed convoys,

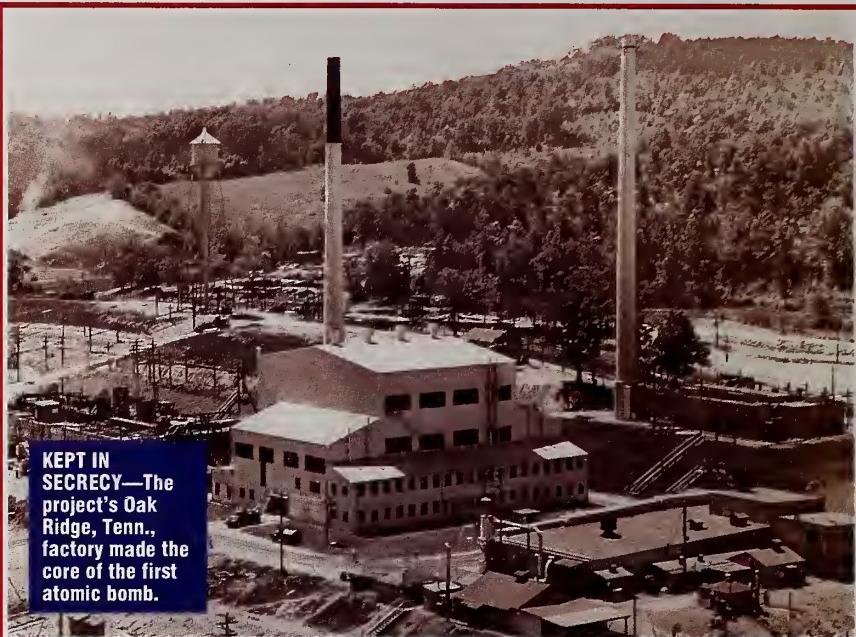


Sid Moody, a freelance writer from New York City, wrote "Okinawa—The Last Stand" and "V-E Day" in the May issue of this magazine.

THE MANHATTAN PROJECT

trace amounts of uranium and plutonium began to arrive—the uranium from Tennessee, the plutonium from Hanford. Just as laboriously, the Groves-Oppenheimer teams of physicists, explosives experts, metallurgists, electronics specialists, chemists and master machinists hunted and pecked their way into uncharted territory. By August 1944, Groves was predicting that bombs would be ready by the following summer.

Haste was essential, for Germany was feared to have at least a year's head start in bomb technology. Fortunately, the German effort fell short for several reasons. Hitler felt the effort would be too costly in time, money and materials, even if it could be accomplished. The Führer had also outwitted himself by purging Germany of many of the Jewish scientists who were leaders in the field. Finally,



KEPT IN
SECRET—The
project's Oak
Ridge, Tenn.,
factory made the
core of the first
atomic bomb.

there is evidence that Germany's leading physicist, Werner Heisenberg, intentionally dragged his feet over the idea of a nuclear bomb.

On July 16, 1945, a primitive nuclear device was ready for a test deep in a New Mexican desert called Jornado del Muerto—Dead Man's Trail, or the Journey of Death. The mood was marked by a curious blend of anxiety and skepticism: Some of the scientists feared the weapon might ignite the atmosphere. Others thought it would be a flat-out dud.

Both camps were wrong.

At 5:29:45 a.m. local time, the world's first atomic device detonated on cue, ushering the world into the nuclear age and bringing the phrase *mushroom cloud* into the national vocabulary. Later, Oppenheimer would say the fearsome majesty of the explosion brought to mind a line from ancient Hindu scripture: "I am become Death/The destroyer of worlds."

"Now we're all sons of bitches," a colleague told Oppenheimer as they watched. Someone else said, "The war is over." To which the highly focused Groves added, "As soon as we drop two bombs on Japan." It had cost an astonishing amount of bucks—\$2 billion in 1940-era funds—but Groves had gotten an unprecedented bang.

A split second after 5:29:45, Georgia Green, 18, was being driven to her 8 o'clock music class at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque. She felt a sudden wave of heat that took her breath away.

"What was that?" she asked her brother-in-law, Joe Wills. Georgia, who was blind, had felt the first blast of a New Age.

STAMP OF APPROVAL



In 1945, Japan surrendered. In 1995, the United States surrendered to Japan. At least, that's how American Legion member Gerry Newhouse of Columbus, Ohio, saw the U.S. Postal Service decision not to issue a WWII stamp commemorating the atomic blast over Hiroshima.

Newhouse, a veteran of the Vietnam War, took matters personally in hand: He decided to produce a stamp of his own. The stamp (depicted above) is patterned after a Christmas seal, something with no value as postage but designed to send a powerful message. It features an image of the Enola Gay by aviation artist Ron Kaplan, as well as the inscription, "August 1945. Atomic

Bombs End WWII."

As of mid-June, Newhouse estimated some 220,000 stamps were on envelopes traveling through the mail. His goal is to have 1 million stamps circulating by V-J Day, Sept. 2. Indeed, the public response has been such that Newhouse took a leave of absence from his job as a real estate broker to market WWII memorabilia. The mushroom cloud image is being put on pins, badges, coffee mugs and T-shirts.

Newhouse has been touched by the tremendous amount of mail from women whose husbands were poised to invade Japan, but came home alive because the bomb was used. He says he has also received support from ex-prisoners of the Japanese, as well as retired Brig. Gen. Paul Tibbets, commander of the Enola Gay, who has sent several sheets of the stamps to relatives and friends.

The stamps cost \$9 for a sheet of 36; \$6 a sheet thereafter. For more information, write to Mid Coast Marketing, 1620 East Broad St., Suite 106A, Columbus, Ohio, 43203, or call (614) 253-1946. □

—By Cliff Kincaid

BIRTH OF A BOMB

FOR MANY years uranium was more of a scientific oddity than the focus of a super-secret military project. The element was first extracted from pitchblende in 1789 by a German chemist, who named it after the newly discovered planet, Uranus. In 1896, French physicist Henri Becquerel found that some photographic plates he had stowed in a drawer alongside uranium salts became exposed. Uranium was radioactive—spontaneously emitting energy.

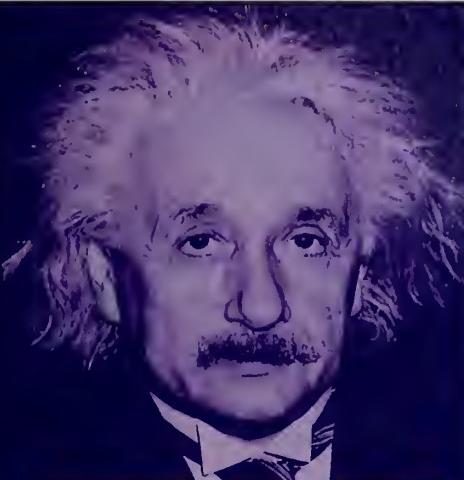
In 1907, Albert Einstein got the scientific community thinking more about uranium's potential when he proposed his fabled formula, $E=mc^2$, which specified the amount of energy that would be released during fission, the split-

ting of an atom. Then, in 1933, physicist Leo Szilard was seized by an idea: *What if a neutron fired at an atom of uranium were to knock off two neutrons, which would hit two more atoms and knock off several more neutrons, which would hit several more atoms...?* Szilard had stumbled on a chain reaction, which—if Einstein were right—would cause a prodigious release of energy.

Before long the elite international physics community was abuzz with experiments involving uranium and chain reactions. Scientists theorized that the consequences of the chain reaction would depend on how much uranium was present and how fast the reaction was allowed to proceed. At a moderate pace involving modest quantities of uranium, you would have a manageable energy release, such as might be used to provide electricity. At a faster pace involving larger quantities, you would have a sudden, cataclysmic release—in short, a bomb the likes of which mankind had never known.

These early theories evolved into two distinct schools of thought on how to go about building an atomic bomb. In turn, each produced two different weapons, using two different nuclear fuels.

The first method involved



POWER—Albert Einstein's historic equation formed the basis for a big bang.

atomic weights, the quantity of sub-atomic particles of which an element is composed.) Once you had enough of U-235, you could take two separate pieces which, if combined, would be large enough to prompt a chain reaction, fire one at the other inside the barrel of a specially constructed gun, and the impact would weld the pieces together, starting the reaction and explosion.

The second process also began with U-238—but this time, instead of reducing it to U-235, scientists bombarded the uranium with neutrons until it “captured” an extra neutron and became plutonium (P-239). Plutonium was found to be so unstable that scientists could not use the gun technique, because once two pieces of sufficient size were brought into close proximity, they might detonate on their own, even without being fired at one another.

Instead, researchers devised a method known as implosion: a hunk of plutonium not normally large enough to fission by itself would be “squeezed” into a chain reaction by the detonation of more conventional explosives packed around it.

The relatively slender gun-type bomb—nicknamed Little Boy—was dropped on Hiroshima on Aug. 6, 1945. The weapon culled from the second method was dropped three days later on Nagasaki. It was known as Fat Man, for the considerable bulk required to accommodate the explosive jacket surrounding its plutonium core.—S.M.



Little Boy was dropped on Hiroshima on Aug. 6, 1945

What began by accident evolved into a massive, secret effort by the United States to end World War II.

extracting or chemically “separating” bomb-grade U-235 from naturally occurring U-238, which is far more stable and thus not as easily “split.” (The numbers 235 and 238 refer to the respective



Welcome To Oddball U.

By Phyllis Zauner

AS THE post-recession economy sputters and sputters and military downsizing continues, thousands of men and women are leaving the familiarity of military bases for the uncertainty on civvy street.

For many, the solution to finding employment is more education. Not just any education, though. Like cheese, many occupational fields have become a national surplus. Ameri-

ca's surfeit of dentists and lawyers is well-documented. And more than a few MBAs are now practicing their skills in a more hands-on manner than they'd envisioned—running hot dog stands.

Today's sharp job-seekers know that it pays to stray from the beaten path in their quest for schooling that leads to more rewarding careers. Sure, many of the schools in this category lack such traditional campus amenities as football rallies, class songs and homecoming dances. That doesn't stop them from boasting truly impressive records of alumni employment. More good news: Many of these "oddball U's" don't require an undergraduate degree. And the state-accredited ones are eligible for VA education benefits.

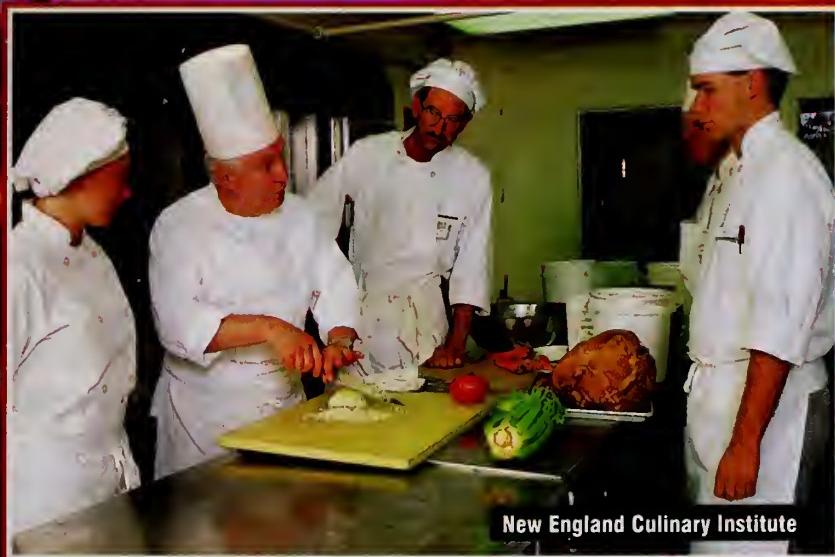
Here are a few of the best. They are all unerringly professional, look like

Phyllis Zauner, a frequent contributor to this and other national publications, writes on business and social customs in America.

Higher learning takes a strange new twist as students light their career paths with education from these offbeat schools.

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fun—and virtually guarantee post-graduate employment.

Brinkman-Froemming Umpire School

On Opening Day 1995, when Major League Baseball's umpires yelled *strike!*, they meant something different from the usual. Still, in a year of unprecedented turmoil in the so-called national pastime, the professional umps' absence from the field during the earliest days of the season—and the uneven performance of their replacements—proved one thing: As long as there is baseball, there will always be a demand for quality umps.

Such is the logic that drives Joe Brinkman, who, along with partner Bruce Froemming, operates the nation's premier school for umps. Since 1973, 62 percent of major-league umps have graduated out of the Cocoa, Fla., facility and into one of the most thankless jobs in America.



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"An umpire gets abuse from both sides and from the fans," Brinkman says. "He has to be strong—he has to be able to shake it off because he can't miss the three or four pitches after that."

Brinkman would know. He is in his 23rd year as an umpire in the American League, home of such historic umpire-baiters as Billy Martin and Earl Weaver. (Brinkman ejected Martin five times in a single year—once even before the national anthem was played.)

The five-week course includes up to 195 hours of daily field instruction and
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GOING THE SECOND MILE

By John F. Flanagan Jr.

SOMEBODY made a mistake. That's what I thought as I skimmed the Vietnam treetops in my little unarmed Cessna. My radio had reported enemy troops below, but as I circled the site scouring the elephant grass I saw nothing.

My job as FAC (Forward Air Controller) with the U.S. Air Force in 1966 was to spot enemy targets and radio information back to headquarters so they could send attack aircraft. That morning my patrol had been uneventful. Then my radio crackled, "Airedale Pup, this is Airedale."

It was Jim Ahmann using our personal code words, calling from our delta forward operating base at Dong Tre. I was his junior officer, so naturally I was "Pup." My single-engine monoplane, carrying only smoke rockets to mark targets, was "Bird Dog."

"Roger, 'Dale," I answered. "This is Pup. Go."

"We have a reported sighting of 200 or 300 VC moving in the open. It's our Alpha Oscar." Alpha Oscar, or AO, meant area of operation. He gave me the coordinates. I wrote them on the

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A target spotter in Vietnam remembers long-ago words of wisdom just in time to save friendly forces.

cockpit window with a grease pencil.

"On my way," I answered, already banking Bird Dog toward the coordinates. Ground operations said the enemy sighting was made by an Army Foxtrot Oscar, or forward observer. This observer didn't belong to delta. What was he doing in our AO?

I could just see our strong-willed commander, Lt. Col. Jack Warren. Impetuous and aggressive, he would be eager to take the target under fire. Because it was beyond ground artillery range, he figured to send a massed aircraft attack.

However, as I reached the given location, I could find no sign of the enemy or the Army forward observer plane. I scrutinized the area flying low, worrying about VC ground fire and remembering some bullet holes I had earlier found in Bird Dog's thin skin.

Somebody made a mistake, I

thought. In this war everyone was jumpy. Maybe someone had seen a herd of water buffalo.

I circled again scanning the area. Still nothing. The Army observer plane must have left.

"Airedale, this is Pup."

"Go ahead."

"There's nothing here. Nothing." I heard our fighters checking in on the other frequency. "Jim, have the fighters hold high." I was about to call off the search. I had done my job.

"Have you?" demanded a gruff voice.

I winced. Despite the passage of years, I could almost see his sharp features in the windshield before me: Father John Mulroy, one of my teachers at Archbishop Stepinac High School in White Plains, N.Y. He had nailed me to the wall when I submitted my first class paper. I had confidently handed it in, thinking it was complete.

Father Mulroy did not. He gave me a "C." I was shocked. When I questioned it, he fastened me with his dark penetrating eyes and barked: "That's what it was worth." He then rattled off a list of information sources. "Did you check into them?"

"Well, I didn't think it was necessary," I said weakly.

"I know, I know," he said. "You didn't have time." That's the trouble today. People do only what they think is needed to get by. When Christ asks us to go the second mile, He means making that extra effort in *everything* we do." He tapped his desk. "Out in the world that can make a difference in getting a promotion—or saving a life."

He got up and put a cassocked arm on my shoulder. "John, m' boy, don't try to ride easy street and expect to wear the stars."

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THE SECOND MILE

On my next paper I dug deeper. It still wasn't good enough for Father Mulroy. "God put more into you than you think," he said. "Don't sell Him short."

Try as I might through the ensuing months, he kept sand-papering me. It irritated me and the more irritated I got, the more I gritted my teeth. "I'll show him," I muttered.

Which is just what he wanted. I ended up on the football team, an accomplishment that had once seemed impossible. And when I didn't make the first cut at the Air Force Academy, I put in that extra mile to make it on the second round. After I graduated, I volunteered for Vietnam figuring I owed my country. Father Mulroy kept in touch with me through the years.

Now in Bird Dog, here he was again.

I radioed base. "Something's wrong," I reported. "I need some time. Give me another frequency. I've got to raise the Army FO."

As the new frequency came through, a swarm of Army helicopter gunships roared under me, turning in a large arc as if searching for something. Rogue helicopters loose in our area?

"Army Bird Dog," I called on the new frequency. "This is Air Force FAC. Over." No response. I tried again and again to raise the mystery ship. I couldn't give up. I had to reach this guy!

Finally, a response. "Roger, FAC, this is Sundance X-ray."

"Sundance, are you a Fox Oscar, and do you have a target?"

"Roger. I got 300 VC in the open and I'm trying to locate our gunships."

It was obvious that Sundance was nowhere near the coordinates I had been given. But where was he? I had to find him. Timing was critical.

"Sundance, tell me what you see beneath you." He described a meandering river and I tried to match his description on my map.

"Okay. I think I know where you are."

I shoved the throttle forward until my Cessna was making its full 115 miles per hour. Soon I spotted the Army observer plane high against the sky.

"Lead me to the target," I radioed. Glancing over my shoulder I saw the

dusty olive gun ships following us.

"Down there, FAC," he called, "along the light green field. They were heading west and disappeared in the trees."

I checked my map. We were six miles from the original coordinates he had given us.

"Are you sure?" I asked, circling the location.

"Yes," he said. Then I saw them. A serpentine column on the back of a knoll moving through the elephant grass. Maybe 200 or 300 troops, all with packs. As I dipped closer I saw

troops, even to the point of waving at passing aircraft.

Now the gunships aligned for attack began to close in on the troops. Still something stopped me from getting out of their way. In my mind's ear I heard the distant echo of Father Mulroy's voice: *Make sure, John, make sure.*

I had to get a closer look. I cut the Cessna's power and glided for the elephant grass close to the column, expecting a fusillade of bullets. My heart caught. They were *our* Vietnamese troops—carrying American carbines and wearing colored scarves. *Friendlies!*

"Abort! Abort! Abort!" I shouted over the radio, finding myself nose-to-nose with the lead gunship. But they kept coming. They couldn't hear me because they were on a different frequency.

I slammed the control stick full over and pulled into a gut-wrenching climb. My plane shuddered into a steep bank and stalled. Releasing back pressure, I rolled out in front of the oncoming gunships, positioning myself between them and the friendlies. They couldn't fire without hitting me.

"Sundance, get the helicopters outta here!" I shouted over the radio. "They're friendlies!"

Somehow the message got through. The choppers broke off their attack. With shaking hands, I called base to divert our own fighters.

The Army Bird Dog pilot followed me back to Dong Tre. He turned out to be a young lieutenant new to the country and was visibly upset as he realized what had transpired. The detail topography of both locations was similar, but he had lost track of the big picture, an honest mistake.

The Distinguished Flying Cross I received for that mission meant more to me than all the other decorations I received for my performance during combat. Unlike the others, this one was for saving lives.

Today, like Father Mulroy, I teach school. And though I can't match his precision in speech, I make sure my students know they can't ride easy street and expect to wear the stars. □

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Editor's note: Monsignor John Mulroy died June 10, 1994, at the age of 77. John Flanagan adds, "I still remember that engraved in the cornerstone of Archbishop Stepinac High School are the words, 'For God and Country.'"



**"Don't try to ride
easy street and
expect to wear the
stars."**

—Father John Mulroy

they were in VC attire—a hodgepodge of dark uniforms.

As I moved to a safer altitude, I felt that familiar nudge. Something wasn't right. I'd better make sure.

My mouth dry, I flew closer, expecting the zing of bullets and the whump of heavy-weapons fire. I was about to launch my smoke rockets into the column to pinpoint it for the gunships when again something stopped me. These men didn't flee, take cover. They *had* to see me. However, we knew that VC caught in the open would frequently behave like friendly

LEGION TALKS, VA LISTENS...FINALLY

LEIGONNAIRES may note that many changes being proposed by VA come from The American Legion's Gold and Silver books which contain recommendations to provide better service and benefits for veterans.

Some portions of VA's 12-point reform program parallel much of what the Legion has been advocating for years, says Chet Stellar, chairman of the Legion's Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation (VA&R) Commission. The VA initiatives include:

- Reforming health-care eligibility and treatment.
- Establishing pilot programs to study the feasibility of Medicare reimbursement.

Marks Are Low From GAO

Gulf veterans with health problems are expressing "dissatisfaction with services from the DoD and VA," according to a May 1995 General Accounting Office (GAO) report.

While the report was based on interviews with only 89 members of the 123rd Army Reserve Command—the first Gulf War unit to report health problems in 1992—American Legion experts believe the report should be taken seriously because the complaints are similar to those they are receiving from Gulf veterans.

According to the GAO report, 28 of 46 veterans examined at VA were dissatisfied with their treatment. Fifty percent of those examined by DoD—7 out of 14—were also dissatisfied, yet 47 out of the 89 were satisfied with the non-government care they received.

Both VA and DoD contend that 89 veterans do not constitute a sufficient sampling from which to draw any valid statistical conclusions. GAO agreed.

Zero for Heroes...

Enlisted men and women cited for extraordinary heroism who retire from the active duty after 20 years or more are entitled to a 10-percent increase in their retirement pay. "Extraordinary

- Allowing VA to keep 25 percent of third-party reimbursements.
- Simplifying means tests by cooperating with IRS to verify veterans' income.
- Studying the feasibility of sharing health-care services with the Department of Defense (DoD).
- Consolidating VA support services such as laundry, maintenance, collections and food services.
- Electronically processing and paying GI Bill education benefits.
- Studying the feasibility of contracting out the veterans life insurance programs it currently administers.
- Transferring all insurance activities to its Philadelphia office and closing its Minnesota office.
- Terminating VA home loans for

heroism" consists of receiving the Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross, Navy Cross or Air Force Cross.

Under current law, however, if the veteran is disabled and drawing VA disability compensation that exceeds the veteran's total military retirement pay, extraordinary heroism pay is forfeited. Senate bill S. 731 has been submitted to rectify the inequity.

...Or Their Families

Veterans rated by VA at 30 percent or more for their service-connected disability also receive compensation for their spouse and minor children. But the entire amount of that compensation, including money paid for spouse and child, is deducted from the checks of disabled military retirees due to concurrent-receipt laws.

S. 730 currently in the Senate would allow the portion of disability designated for spouse and children to be paid in full while concurrent receipt rules would still apply for the remaining portion of the veteran's compensation.

Although there are no companion House measures for either Senate bill, Florida Rep. Mike Bilirakis has resubmitted legislation, HR 65, to do away with concurrent receipt regulations.

There is also a movement at the

manufactured and mobile homes.

- Getting out of the direct-loan business and allowing property from home loan foreclosures to return to the lender.
- Contracting out home-loan servicing of the 29,000 loans with poor payment and/or default histories.

VA estimates the reforms will save far more than \$276 million over five years, depending on the extent of its health-care sharing with DoD.

VA&R Chairman Stellar says the Legion also would like VA to allow local hospital and clinic administrators to make decisions based on community needs rather than nationally dictated regulations. Stellar says the Legion's VA&R staff is studying the impact of the portions that pertain to home loans.

state level to pass memorializing resolutions supporting concurrent receipt of military retirement pay and VA disability compensation. The 14 states who have passed such resolutions are Georgia, Kentucky, Illinois, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Missouri, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, New Mexico, New York, Texas, Washington and Virginia.

Military retirees are the only federal retirees whose retirement pay is affected by VA disability compensation.

Landing A Lawyer

There are things you need to know before hiring an attorney to represent you in a VA claim.

After a BVA denial, a lawyer must usually be hired within one year of the decision to either reopen the claim or take it to an appeal court.

Exceptions to this requirement or other information can be found in *The Veterans Self-Help Guide on VA Claims*.

The booklet is available by writing to the National Veterans Legal Service Program, 2001 S St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20009. This is no charge for Vietnam veterans or their families but donations to defray the cost are appreciated. For all others, the cost is \$5. □

LEGION-BACKED RESOLUTION DEMANDS: NO MORE MONEY WITHOUT ANSWERS

POW/MIA UPDATE

THE American Legion supports congressional legislation to cut off federal monies for diplomatic and trade relations with Vietnam until more progress is made on the POW/MIA issue.

Introduced by Sen. Bob Smith of New Hampshire, Senate Joint Resolution 34 would stem the flow of cash to Vietnam unless the President:

- Certifies to Congress that Vietnam has completely opened up its war records and is doing all it can to help resolve the POW/MIA issue.

- Gives Congress the names of American POW/MIA that Vietnam is believed to have more information on.

Smith says U.S. intelligence reports indicate that Vietnam has failed to make

How President Clinton Can Help

HERE are 13 recommendations offered by The American Legion and the other member organizations of the Ad Hoc Working Group on POW/MIA:

- Wait for full Vietnamese cooperation on the POW/MIA issue before providing any assistance to Vietnam.
- Make the Defense POW/MIA Office responsible for all U.S. government POW/MIA activities and allow it to report directly to the Secretary of Defense.
- Place a higher priority on recovery of live POWs and investigation of live-sighting reports.
- Make the secretaries of each branch of service directly responsible for an accounting of their service's POW/MIA. (Designate the Secretary of State responsible for missing or captured civilians.)
- Assign the FBI and CIA more active roles in accounting for POW/MIA and missing civilians.
- Appoint an independent, non-Department of Defense inspector

general or independent counsel to investigate allegations of improprieties in government employees' handling of POW/MIA issues.

- Produce an accurate list of Vietnam POW/MIA and KIA/BNR (Body Not Recovered) who are likely to be accounted for with full cooperation.
- Open Pentagon POW/MIA actions to public scrutiny.
- Declassify as much POW/MIA material as possible.
- Revise the U.S. Code on missing service personnel and civilians.
- Establish and strengthen joint POW/MIA commissions with the Commonwealth of Independent States, North Korea and China.
- Develop an investigative panel of experts to assess important intelligence from the former Soviet Union relating to POW/MIA.
- Establish a more effective way to provide POW/MIA families with information about their loved ones. □

full disclosure on "at least 100 names. There is still a huge amount of information Vietnam is withholding."

According to National Commander William M. Detweiler, Smith's resolution offers the best leverage in getting Vietnam to provide an honest accounting of U.S. POW/MIA.

"We know that normalization with Vietnam looms near and all signs reveal that moves will be made in that direction as early as this summer," says Detweiler.

The Legion also supports legislative action to revise the Missing Service Personnel Act of 1942 to reform U.S. administrative policy on POW/MIA.

Today, the Legion wants changes that would end the current practice of declaring an MIA dead merely because a lot of time has passed. Instead, the Legion wants that decision based on credible evidence. □

GENERATIONS OF SERVICE



Three generations of the Kutney family, who represent four branches of the armed forces, are members of Post 16, Slatington, Pa. From left, Robert C. Kutney (Army, 1942-45); R. Christian Kutney (Navy, 1994-current); Steven D. Kutney (Air Force, 1991-93); and Robert G. Kutney (Marine Corps, 1967-71).

Georgia Teen Named Scout of The Year



ZACHARY THOMAS
1995 Scout of the Year

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A C H A R Y

Thomas of Cedartown, Ga. can add another American Legion honor to his growing list. The 18-year-old has been named 1995 American Legion Scout of the Year. With the honor comes a \$8,000 scholarship.

A member of the Sons of The American Legion, Thomas was selected over 34 other applicants for the award. Prior Legion honors include being named Georgia's 1994 and 1995 American Legion Scout of the Year.

Thomas is the son of Larry and Janice Thomas. His father is a member of Post 86, which sponsored Zachary in the competition.

Thomas, who is an Eagle Scout, will attend the U.S. Military Academy at West Point this fall and plans to pursue a military career.

The runners-up are: Brett N. Kellner, Post 139 of Tampa, Fla.; Stacey D. Stafford, Post 60 of Pulaski, Tenn.; and Ernest E. Lagimoniere Jr., Post 85 of Huntington, Md. Each receives a \$2,000 scholarship. □

Detweiler Tells Congress Why Flag Amendment Is Necessary

IT IS easy to forget that a flag which stands for liberty was once a rarity," National Commander William M. Detweiler told the House Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution during testimony in May. "Perhaps that is exactly why an amendment to protect the flag is necessary."

Detweiler was among several witnesses testifying in support of H.J. Res. 79, the amendment to protect the flag from physical desecration. The amendment passed both the judiciary subcommittee and the House Judiciary Committee and was slated for a full House vote in late June. The Senate version, S.J. Res. 31, was expected to go to the full Senate also in late June.

"It has been almost five years since the Supreme Court made it legal to destroy this symbol that unites us all," Detweiler told the Subcommittee on the Constitution. "Here in Washington I have heard some say that they thought the issue had died. The issue is far from dead. It has been debated and discussed all over the nation—in the halls of every state capitol to the local barber shops."

Also testifying for the amendment were attorney Adrian Cronauer, former journalist and Vietnam veteran whose experiences were the basis of the movie, *Good Morning, Vietnam*; Rose Lee, past national president of the Gold Star Wives; and two constitutional law professors, Stephen Presser of Northwestern



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University and Robert Nagel of the University of Colorado.

At press time, 280 House members had signed as co-sponsors of H.J. 79, just 10 votes shy of the two-thirds majority needed to pass the House. S.J. Res. 31 had 55

co-sponsors in the Senate.

In early June, the amendment passed the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution, Federalism and Property Rights and was expected to be heard by the full Senate Judiciary Committee later in the month. Among those who testified on behalf of the CFA before the Senate subcommittee was Richard Parker, a Harvard Law School professor and constitutional expert.

The alliance continues to grow. As of June, it comprised 102 member organizations representing more than 30 million Americans. Among organizations recently joining are the American G.I. Forum of the U.S.; Bunker Hill Monument Association Inc.; Catholic Family Life Insurance; Drum Corps Associates; Family Research Council; National Federation of American Hungarians Inc.; United Armed Forces Association; and Veterans of the Vietnam War Inc.

To make donations, get petitions or obtain more information, call:

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CONVENTION TO COMMEMORATE WWII

THE 77th National Convention to be held in Indianapolis, Aug. 31-Sept. 6, will feature a gala celebration marking the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II.

The opening ceremony will honor WWII GIs, and throughout the convention well-known veterans of the war will be keynote speakers. Other special WWII commemorative activities include:

FILM FESTIVAL & ORAL HISTORIES

From Friday through Monday, Sept. 1-4, the

national Military and History TV channels will assist the Legion in conducting a film festival and oral history project. The film festival will feature WWII training movies, documentaries and actual war footage. Oral histories will be taken from a number of Legionnaire WWII veterans and kept in Legion archives.

CONVENTION PARADE

This year's National Convention Parade, scheduled for Sept. 2—the 50th anniversary of V-J Day—will include a fly-over of authentic WWII aircraft, as well as marchers dressed in

WWII garb, military equipment and a float replica of the *USS Indianapolis*. Following the parade, there will be music, entertainment and fireworks.

PATRIOTIC RELIGIOUS SERVICE

A religious service on Sunday will honor the memories of WWII veterans with a Peace Candle and a Post Everlasting ceremony.

NATIONAL COMMANDER'S BANQUET

Legionnaires at the banquet dinner-dance will swing to the big band sounds in a canteen-like setting. □

PREScription PROGRAM SAVES LEGION FAMILY MONEY

BEGINNING Oct. 1, Legionnaires and their families can purchase prescription drugs at substantial savings through the Legion's National Discount Prescription Program.

The easy-to-use program is designed by Seabury & Smith and provided by RXAmerica, a leader in prescription benefit management. **There's no enrollment.** The only card you need is your American Legion or Sons of The American Legion membership card. To take advantage of these discounts, you simply have to be a member of The American Legion or Sons of The American Legion or a member's dependent, and present your membership card at participating pharmacies.

The program also offers you the ability to send for prescription drugs through the mail. Beginning Oct. 1, your Post will have forms for this service. You can order as much as a 90-day supply and have it automatically refilled. The mail-in pharmacy offers a 24-hour phone help line.

"Those taking maintenance medications with prescriptions that have to be filled over and over will find this service convenient," says Paul Dunn, an assistant director of Internal Affairs for the Legion.

RXAmerica provides millions of people with similar plans, using this leverage in negotiating with drug manufacturers to obtain the best possible prices. □

Pharmacies participating in new discount program at press time in June:	Fruth Pharmacy	M & H Drugs Inc.	Pharmacy
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Legion Mall Designated National Historic Landmark



Aerial view of American Legion Mall, circa 1950s.



LEGIONnaires tour The American Legion Headquarters during The National Convention, Aug. 31-Sept. 6, they will be visiting one of Indiana's newest National Historic Landmarks.

The American Legion Mall, comprising the Legion's National Headquarters and the Indiana American Legion Headquarters, are part of the Indiana World War Memorial Plaza Historic District, selected as

a historic landmark by the National Park Service.

The five-block plaza also includes the Sunken Garden, the Obelisk, the Pro Patria sculpture and the Indiana World War Memorial.

Only 26 sites in Indiana have received the honor.

A dedication ceremony at the plaza is tentatively planned for October.

The park service selects landmarks based on national significance. Eligible sites are at least 50 years old and represent U.S. people, history, architecture and ideals. □

THE VETERANS' CONNECTION

VETS is a service that provides information about military reunions, helps veterans find old buddies and arranges reunions, travel and accommodations.

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Army

1st Air Cav, 7th Sq (Vinh Long, VN '68/72) "Blackhawks" #11917
 1st Arm'd Div., 6th Arm'd Inf. Bn. (WWII) #12785
 1st Arm'd Div. Assn. (NY Chapter) "Old Ironsides" #16195
 1st Cav. Div., 15th Med. Bn., B Co. (VN, '66/67) #14223
 1st Cav. Div., 229th Assault Helicopter Bn. #22377
 1st Cav. Div., 61st FA Bn. #23105
 1st Cav. Div., 7th Cav. Rgt, 2nd Bn. H. Co. (Korea 50/51) #19856
 1st Cav. Div., 7th Rgt, 1st Bgde., A Co. (VN 67/68) #19349
 1st Cav. Div., FL Chapter #15892
 1st Cav. Div., LRRP Ranger Chapter #20823
 1st Cav. Div. Nat'l Assn. #16387

(WWII/Korea) #15855
 7th RRFS (Radio Research Field Station 74/76) #19465
 8th Inf. Div., 12th Engr. Combat Bn (WWII) #12196
 8th Inf. Div., 13th Rgt. (WWII) #16337
 8th Inf. Div., 8th Cav. Recon. Trp. (WWII) #20597
 8th Inf. Div. Assn. (Ft. Screven WWII) #16256
 9th Arm'd Div., 4th Tank Bn. Assn. #16013
 9th Arm'd Div., 52nd Arm'd Inf. Bn. (WWII) #16527
 9th Inf. Div., 50th A/B Rgt. E Co. (LRRP) #22548
 10th Artillery, 6th Bn (Germany '63/66) #19421
 10th Inf. Div., 87th Rgt, H Co. #20925
 10th Inf. Div., 87th Rgt, Med. Co. (GER 55/57) "Gyroscope" #19894
 10th Inf. Rgt. Assn. #16431
 10th Mountain Div., 604th FA Art. Bn. #13969
 10th Mtn. Div., Midwest Chapter #15690
 11th AAA AW Bn. (SP) (All Eras) #16066
 11th Arm'd Cav. Vets. (Vietnam/Cambodia) #15380
 11th Arm'd. Div. Assn. #16052
 12th Avn. Gp., 273rd Avn. Co. (VN 69/70) #19874
 12th Corps, 3rd Army (ETO 1944) #11780
 13th Arm'd Div., 93rd Cav. Recon Sq. #15562
 13th FA Obsn. Bn. (WWII) #11020
 14th Arm'd. Div. - North Eastern States Chapter #15911
 14th Arm'd "Liberator" Div. Assn. #10814
 17th AAA Grp. (WWII) #15868
 17th Sig. Oper. Bn. (WWII) #10395
 18th Art., 3rd (How), A Btry (61/63) #19844
 18th Engr. Bde.: 19th Engr. (C) Bn. Assn. (Vietnam) #20143
 18th FA Bn. (Korea 1950/53) #11516
 20th Armd. Div., 20th Tank Bn., D Co. #15656
 20th Armd' Div., 20th Tank Bn., Hq. Co. #19868
 20th Armd. Div., 20 Tnk. Bn., A Co. #20271
 20th Engr (C) Rgt, 20th/1340th Bns, 1171 Grp (WWII) #15365
 20th Field Hospital #19888
 24th Corps, HQ Co. Def. Pltn (Philippines, 44/46) #11306
 24th Inf., 19th Rgt, 3rd Bn/34th Rgt, 1st Bn (Korea) #11154
 24th Inf Div, 21st Rgt, 2nd Bn/34th Rgt, 3rd Bn (Korea 50/53) #19506
 24th Inf. Div. 3rd Engr. (Korea) #19009
 24th Inf. Div. Assn. (5th RCT, Korea) #20928
 25th Inf. Div., 13th Art, 3rd (How) Bn, B Btry (VN 66/67) #19842
 26th Inf. Div., 101st FA Bn Midwest Chap. "Yankee Div." (WWII) #16643
 26th Inf. Div., 104th Rgt. Assn. #11637
 27th Inf. Div., 106th Rgt, HQ Co. #15450
 27th Inf. Div. Assn. (NYNG, WWII) #16534
 27th Inf. Div., Post 13 #13215
 28th Inf. Div., 109th Rgt, G Co. (WWII, Korea) #20342
 30th Artillery, 1st Bn (VN '65/71) #19420
 30th Med. Dpt. Co. #20519
 31st "Dixie" Div. (WWII) ALL UNITS #19478
 31st Inf. Div., 167/124th Rgt. (WWII) "Dixie Div.", all attached units) #10606
 32nd Inf. Div., 127th Rgt, G Co. (WWII) #16717
 32nd Inf. Div., 128th Rgt, 1st Bn, D Co (Red Arrow) #19481
 32nd Inf. Div., 32nd MP Plt. (S. Pacific, '42/45) #16026
 32nd Inf. Div., Great Western Red Arrow Club #20527
 34th Inf. Div., 168th Rgt. #15842
 35th Engr. Combat Bn. #20559
 35th Inf. Div., 134th Rgt. Assn. (WWII) #15531
 36th Inf. Div., 142nd Rgt, B Co. #12133
 36th Inf. Div. National Assn. #16512
 37th Div., 117th Engr. Bn., B Co. (WWII) #19188
 37th Inf. Div., 148th Rgt, Anti-Tank Co. #15553
 37th Inf. Div., 148th Rgt. (Camp Perry, Ohio) #10632
 38th Inf. Div. Assn. #22857
 38th Signal Const. Bn. (WWII & 1986/91) #10198
 40th Cav. Recon. Trp. (WWII) #16208
 40th Div., 108th Inf. Rgt., K Co. (WWII) #13940
 40th Engr. Combat Assn. (WWII) #10402
 40th Inf. Div., 108th Inf. Rgt. Assn. #21859
 40th Inf. Div., 108th Rgt, A Co. (WWII) #19443
 42nd Inf. Div. (Tri-State) #19244
 43rd Inf. Div., 102nd Rgt, Hq/Hq Co (Ger 50/53) #19620
 43rd Inf. Div., 102nd Rgt., Tank Co. #20035
 43rd Inf. Div., 169th Rgt, G Co. (1950-53) #14095
 43rd Inf. Div. "Winged Victory Div." (WWII) #14963
 44th Inf. Div., 63rd Engr. (C) Bn., A Co. #11235
 44th Tank Bn. Assn. #10386
 45th 7709th Engr. Const. Bn., H&S Cos. (Schwetzingen, Ger. 1951/53) #11880
 45th Inf. Div., 120th Engr. Combat Bn., H & S Co. (Korea) #22515
 45th Inf. Div., 179th Rgt., Tank Co. #13571
 45th TAAM/OLAM Co. (1950/54) #15417
 46th Arm'd Inf Div, A Co (Camp Chaffee, '49) #20453
 46th Engr. Const. Bn. (WWII/Present) #10744
 46th Signal Hwy. Const. Bn. (WWII) #10944
 48th General Hospital (England/France WWII) #15454
 50th General Hospital (WWII) #10468
 53rd CAC, A thru G Btrys., 1st, 2nd & 3rd Bn. Hqs. (1942/44) #12593
 58th Engr. Treadway Bridge Co. - (Korea) #15750
 60th Artillery, 4th Bn. Vietnam #12566
 60th General Hospital (WWII) #20062
 60th Signal Bn. (WWII) #22651
 62nd Sig. Bn., A Co. #12150
 63rd Inf. Div. Assn., 253rd Rgt., F Co. (WWII) #10335
 64th Field Hosp. #19104
 65th Arm'd Field Arty. Bn. Assn. (WWII) #28383
 65th General Hospital (WWII) #15557
 69th Inf. Div., 880th FA Bn., HQ Btry. Assn #15671
 69th Sig. Bn. (VN) #13458
 70th AAA Gun Bn., Bethesda, MD (53/54) #19165
 70th Avn. Det. (Thailand 1969) #19866
 70th Coastal Arty. AA (PI, WWII) formerly 90th CA AA #19859
 70th Hvy. Tnk. Bn. Armor Assn. #12702
 70th Inf. Div. Assn. (Western States WWII) #16521
 71st Arty, 3rd Bn, D-Btry #19207
 71st Sig. Serv. Bn., D Co. (1945/46) #22673
 74th/117th AGF Band (Italy, 1945-46) #13870
 75th Inf. Div., 290th Rgt, M Co. #22391
 76th Inf. Div. #16536
 77th Artillery Assn. "En Garde Rgt." #13035
 78th Inf. Div., 309th Rgt, E Co. #16510
 78th Inf. Div. "Texas Cohorts" #19880
 78th Signal Co. #15719
 79th Engr. Grp., "B" Co., Ger. (55-57) #19191
 79th Inf. Div., 313th Rgt. "Cross of Lorraine Assn." (WWII) #15637
 80th Inf. Div. Assn. (WWI, WWII) #12422
 81st Chemical Mtr. Bn. #16486
 81ST FA Bn. (WWII) #20664
 81st Inf. Div., 317th FA Bn., HQ Btry. (WWII) #15730
 82nd Engr. (C) Co (WWII) #15976
 84th Inf. Div., 335th Div., H Co. #19895
 84th Inf. Div. "Railsplinter Soc" #15955
 85th Evac Hosp. SMBL (Quil Nhon, S Vietnam 65/66) #12560
 85th Inf. Div., 339th Rgt, K Co. (WWII) #19862
 85th Inf. Div., 403rd Btry, B Bn. #19712
 85th Inf. Div., 85th Recon Trp (WWII, Africa/Italy) #23106
 87th Inf. Div. Assn. "Golden Acorns" #15487
 88th Inf. Div. Assn., Inc. "Blue Devils" #15465
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Dear (Your Senator/Representative Name):

I urge you to support and co-sponsor a constitutional amendment to protect our nation's flag against public desecration.

The flag is unique among our traditional national emblems and deserves respect, care and protection. As a reflection of our nation's heritage, it is the one symbol that transcends political parties. During its long service as our nation's banner during peace, war and domestic turmoil, it has persevered as a symbol of unity, sacrifice, justice and national resolve. To a vast majority of Americans the flag represents the hope, freedom and values that we hold.

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Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to your reply and learning your views on this important issue.

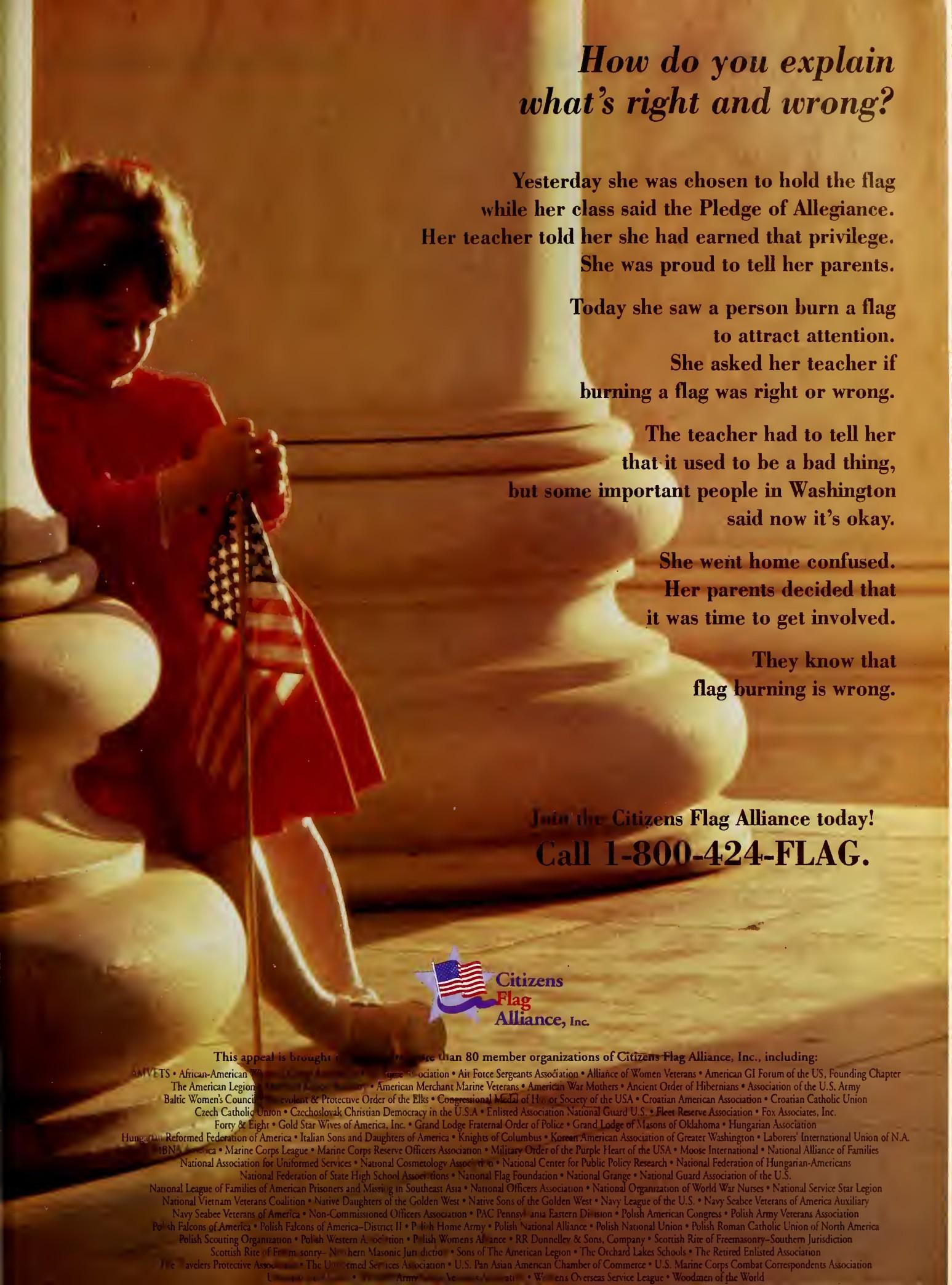
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97th Inf. Div., 386th Rgt., F Co. #19872	273rd FA Bn. (WWII) #10868	691st FA Bn. (WWII) #15734	Operation Downfall: 25th, 33rd, 41st Inf. Div. (WWII) #19232
97th Inf. Div., 387th Rgt., E Co. #15632	277th FA Bn. (All Btry's) #15552	692nd TD Bn., A Co. (WWII) #12036	Otter U-1A/Caribou CV-2B Assn. #14790
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98th Engr. GS Rgt. (Officers, WWII) #13048	283rd FA Bn. (WWII) #15643	701st Tank Bn. (WWII) #11393	Topographic Engr's (WWII) #13020
98th Inf. Div. (WWII) #12949	287th Sig. Co. (1942-1993) #21301	712th Tank Bn. (WWII) #15590	US Claims Service #22653
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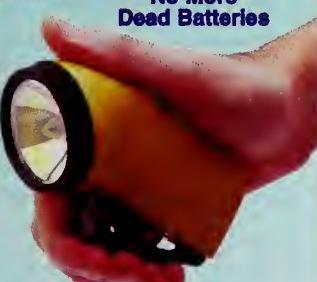
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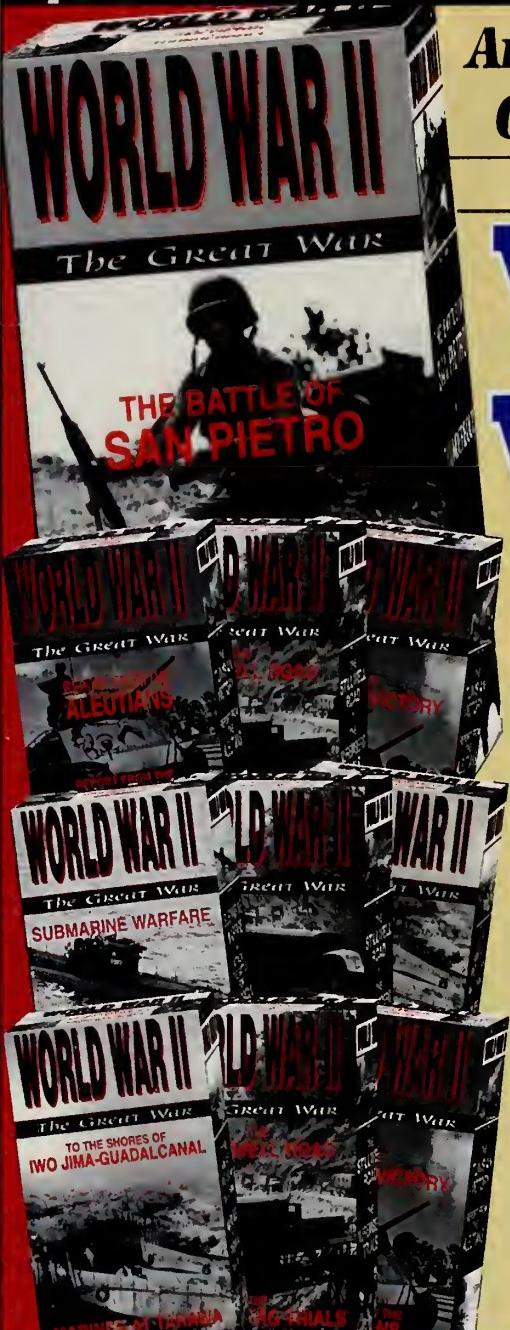
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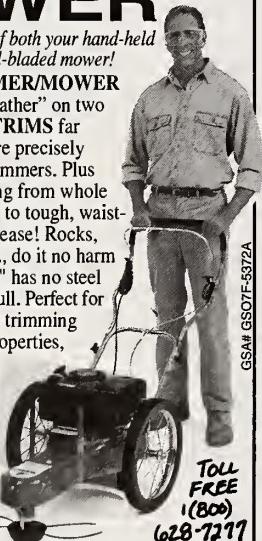
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There remain many "nations of eternal war" in whose affairs it would be folly to intervene. Haiti and Somalia are good examples. No threat to our national security could have come from those poor nations, so why were we there? Humanitarian relief is a reason for a brief use of the military, as we sometimes do in disaster relief situations, but slipping into the endless task of "nation building" is a costly error. Somalia today looks pretty much the way it did before we came; Haiti a year or two after we leave will, too.

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America's great strength makes some military actions appear almost risk-free. But a world of increased temptations to intervene only underlines the need for restraint. The willingness of the American people to sustain an engaged and active foreign policy has its limits. American support for the expansion of democracy will be strengthened, and can only be maintained, if those limits are remembered and respected.

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The natural inclination to keep a close watch over events near our borders is, of course, a holdover from the Monroe Doctrine, and is understood and accepted by the public.

INTERVENTION need not imply all-out American military action. In bridging the gap between the need to act and the public's willingness to accept foreign entanglements, we might study the methods used by American leaders before and during the Cold War. Yesterday's tools—covert action through the CIA, the use of proxies like

the Nicaraguan contras or the Afghan rebels, and coalition efforts like we had in Iraq—may be needed again tomorrow. These tools diminished the necessity for—or at least limited the size of—a direct American troop role. They can function that way again.

Multilateralism can play an important role in this context—not because collective action is morally superior to narrow American actions, as many Clinton administration officials appear to believe. Nor is it because the United Nations can analyze security problems and then devise and implement plans of action to solve them. Rather, it is that joint action both lowers the risk to Americans and demonstrates that others back our policies. This increases public acceptance of the task ahead.

The American aversion to foreign entanglements is a permanent feature of our political life. It was diminished—but never suspended—by the two world wars and the Cold War. Americans will accept our nation's necessary position as leader of the international system, unless it appears to require the endless sacrifice of their sons and daughters in combat. Those who believe that leadership is vital to peace must distinguish it from military interventionism that will poison the American people's willingness to accept international responsibilities. A foreign policy worth the name can make that distinction between real leadership responsibilities and gratuitous interventions, and explain that distinction to the American people.

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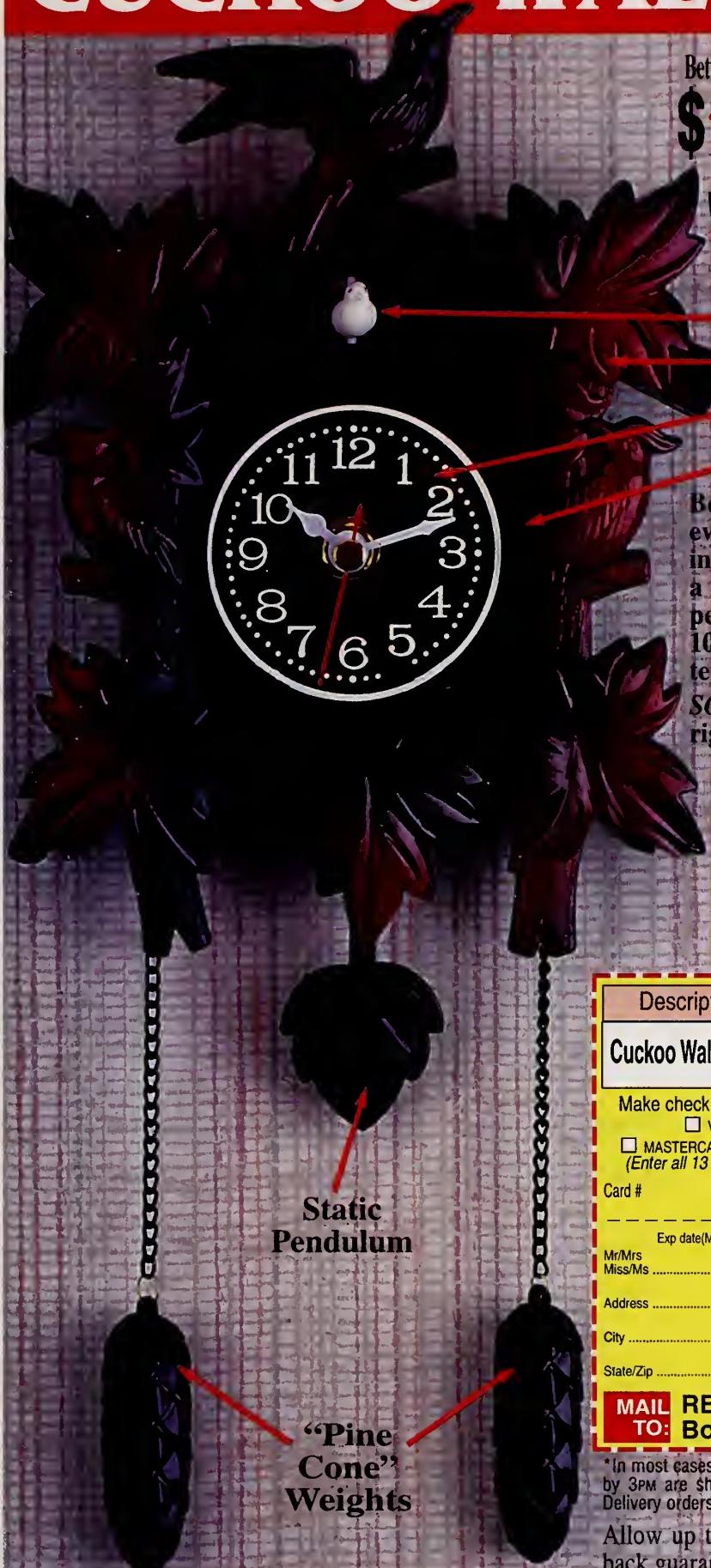
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dam's reluctance to push a second incursion into Kuwait in October 1994. Saddam initially tested the waters by sending a contingent of tanks manned by 80,000 elite troops of the Republican Guards to the U.N. buffer zone along the Kuwaiti border. He threatened to stop cooperating with the U.N. Special Commission on Iraq unless sanctions were lifted. The next day, President Bill Clinton cautioned Saddam about "repeating mistakes of the past." By mid-October, the United States had committed nearly 40,000 troops, more than 600 aircraft and a naval task force to the threatened area. By then, however, Saddam had already pulled his forces back.

IMPRESSIVE as all this may be, there's an even more powerful rebuttal to Gulf War naysayers: The total victory they sought would have come at too high a price.

To begin with, more Americans would have been killed—far more than

the 148 soldiers, Marines and airmen lost during Desert Storm. "That's a blessed occurrence when you take on a million-man army," says Kelly. "When you capture 60,000 and you destroy 70 percent of the equipment and get that few people killed, that's God's blessing. Baghdad is a big city, we would have been fighting block to block. And you had no guarantee you were going to get Hussein anyway."

In addition, there were serious political questions:

- If we toppled Saddam and then left, would we have destabilized the region?

Says Kelly, "We didn't want to see Iraq destroyed because that would have created another vacuum in the Middle East, and vacuums get filled rapidly."

Observers note that Syria, Turkey and Iran all have claims against Iraqi territory, just as Iraq has claims against those nations. "The biggest threat in the Middle East for the immediate future is Iran," adds Kelly. "Had we destroyed Iraq, we would have strengthened Iran."

- On the other hand, if we'd toppled Saddam and stayed...?

We would have been responsible for governing Iraq, says McNaugher. "We'd probably still be there. It would have been a complete mess."

Quips Kelly, "You would have owned the country, and you would have had to pay for it—tens of billions of dollars the United States simply doesn't have." He also conjures visions of "another Lebanon" where "you wind up getting the troops picked off two or three a day, then somebody parks a truck outside the barracks."

- If the United States came in and ran Iraq, would Arab countries resent it?

Experts agree that Arab leaders would have had great difficulty, in Kelly's words, with "the idea of a Western power taking over one of their fellow Arab nations."

- Would this alienation have hurt broader U.S. goals in the Middle East?

Kelly says, "A U.S. takeover of Iraq would have set back Mideast peace efforts by at least 50 years. We worked our asses off with the Israelis during the war to convince them to let us [handle Iraq] so we wouldn't have this conflict after the war."

"Furthermore, fighting a limited war in the Gulf helped U.S. foreign-relations objectives. [There] was a concern that this was just wanton slaughter as dramatized by that 'highway of death,'" says Korb. "If we had pushed our advantage and massacred all the remaining Iraqi troops, the international

sympathy might have shifted, and we would have come out looking like bullies."

SOME legitimate concerns do remain. When and if sanctions are lifted, Iraq could launch a massive military build-up. Saddam's biggest handicap right now is the U.N. ban on Iraq's exports of oil to all countries except Jordan, whose purchases are supposedly tied to Iraq's repayment of a \$400 million debt. But Jordan continues to export a wide range of supplies to Iraq, while allowing Iraq to use its country as a shipping base. This undercuts the embargo.

Equally troublesome is the behavior of France, Germany and Russia. Some 70 German-based companies are under investigation for alleged breaches of U.N. sanctions against Iraq. France's role is even more worrisome. Up to and during the Iraq-Iran war, the French competed with the Soviets as major military suppliers to Saddam. And in January of this year, France announced it would soon establish a diplomatic presence in Baghdad. Then there is the report of a secret multi-million-dollar arms deal between Baghdad and Moscow expected to take effect as soon as the sanctions are lifted.

As it stands now, however, sanctions have bitten deep, and Iraq is in shambles. By mid-February, 1995—four years after the allied victory—inflation had reached 2,400 percent. All reports agree that at night the streets of Baghdad are deserted for fear of street crime. Overwhelmingly, the people are poor, except for the privileged few around Saddam.

As for Saddam personally? It appears that his bold foray into Kuwait has not increased his stock. After he invaded a fellow Arab country, his standing in the Arab world went down drastically, says Korb.

And what of the media image of Saddam as some brilliant military and political tactician who supposedly had the last laugh? McNaugher scoffs, "He overplayed his hand at every point in that crisis. He could have had the top third of Kuwait. In fact, on July 29th, 1990, he could have had 70 or 80 percent of what he wanted out of Kuwait through diplomacy. So I would not credit him with a whole lot of intelligence."

Nor, in the end, does McNaugher think much of Saddam's political strength: "I don't think Saddam has any mass following anywhere—even in Baghdad. He just happens to have power." □

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the face of mounting casualties. Like it or not, America is not as supportive of the military as it once was. Earlier in our nation's history, the political backbiting would stop as soon as the troops were given their marching orders; Americans uniformly rallied behind the troops in World War II and Korea, believing it was their patriotic duty to do so.

Not so today. Political "hawks" no longer can count on the unqualified support of the American public, because the public no longer accepts the doctrine that it must suspend its opposition to a given combat operation just because American troops are at risk. Indeed, since the days of Vietnam, many citizens have come to feel duty-bound to oppose military action precisely *because* troops are at risk. They do not see such protest as disloyal or unpatriotic.

Further, the American people are less tolerant of casualties in areas where our national interests are unclear, or where we have few if any emotional ties. It can be hard to work up a lot of sentiment for battles fought in Bosnia, where the people have strange names and incomprehensible customs, or whose populace and leaders historically have denounced us as "the ugly American."

THESE are key considerations that must be faced by American political leaders contemplating the use of military force. Consider a scenario in which the United States becomes embroiled in an overseas conflict where protracted operations are necessary; casualties become steady, with no clear end in sight. Evidence suggests that the public will turn against that intervention. When the suicide bombing of a U.S. barracks in Lebanon took the lives of 238 of the 350 troops stationed there, large numbers of Americans as well as members of Congress called for an immediate pullout.

The backlash may even be directed against the military itself. We saw the first signs of this in Vietnam. When the war dragged on endlessly, the frustration of armchair observers in the media and elsewhere was expressed in widespread skepticism of U.S. military competency.

Which brings us to the second major issue at hand. Given our growing aversion to casualties and drawn-out operations, an enemy commander need not vanquish us on the battlefield. He must succeed only at keeping the U.S. wolf from the door.

As long as he is not losing, he is winning.

Ancient Chinese philosopher of war, Sun Tzu, specifically warned against this when he said, "Victory is the main object in war. If it is long delayed, troops become demoralized and their strength exhausted. When this happens your enemy will take advantage of your state. So, though there may be blundering swiftness in war, there is no clever operation that was protracted.... Because of this, the country squanders its wealth by engaging in ineffective wars."

We learned this lesson firsthand in Vietnam. After the war it became fashionable to propose that we ultimately failed because we did not use all of our available force against them. Regardless of the merit of the argument, that is *precisely the point*: In situations like Vietnam, Grenada, Panama, the Gulf and Haiti, we did not engage in an all-out effort because the political goals *did not call* for all-out war. The establishment or preservation of a peaceful and democratic Vietnam clearly did not entail our risking all-out war with the Soviets or Chinese.

Sometimes, observers outraged at high losses may demand all-out war. In a RAND study prepared for the Army, Benjamin Schwarz used poll data to show that the majority of Americans did not support the "premature" withdrawal of forces in Korea, Vietnam and even the Gulf. Indeed, as casualties mounted in Korea and Vietnam, most Americans favored stepping up the tempo of war.

Escalation may be an appropriate option in large-scale wars where the ultimate aim is full victory. Some experts felt this was the proper way to go in Vietnam and went as far as to urge the use of nuclear weapons. Unfortunately, public pressure for vengeance in the wake of high or sudden U.S. losses can have the effect of leading to military operations well beyond the scope of the political goals involved.

If and when this occurs, we may end up winning the war, but clearly the United States risks losing in the forum of world opinion. This could easily have been the result if we listened to the hawks during Desert Storm and laid waste to Baghdad.

There is no mistaking the implications here: We should be prepared to abandon a military mission as soon as the goal is achieved, or as soon as it becomes clear that the original goal is unachievable. To simply allow the conflict to spread into a prolonged and aimless squandering of lives and resources is ultimately self-defeating and allows America to become an unwitting tool for the foreign-policy objectives of other nations.

A FORMER senior U.N. representative in Sarajevo told an audience at the U.S. Army's Command and General Staff College that Bosnian government officials, as well as Serb officials, wanted U.S. forces on the ground immediately. They wanted this so they could immediately start killing American troops, thereby getting the U.S. public involved in the conflict on "their side."

Regardless of the nobility of our motives, or the ghastly pictures shown each night on television, we must be *extremely* wary of becoming involved militarily in conflicts where the hatreds run deep and the likelihood of political compromise is all but nonexistent.

Clearly a protracted war such as the one being waged in the former Yugoslavia is the last type of conflict America should want to buy into. Similar pitfalls await us in various parts of the Mideast.

This is not to say we should ignore conflict. But, we must be prepared to use other instruments of national power—political, economic and diplomatic—to help terminate it. Our political leaders must consider using force only with clearly defined goals of what is to be achieved, within clearly defined parameters, and with a clear understanding of the potential costs involved. Our military leaders must explain to political leaders the nature of the threat we are facing, the risks involved and possible courses of action.

And, if and when the use of the military becomes necessary, the American people and their leaders must not assume that QDVMC is the norm. We must realize that the nature of war involves the use of force, and the use of force involves the likelihood of casualties.

This does not mean that we are indifferent to the suffering involved. It just means that as a nation, we must have the collective will to do what needs to be done for the greater good of America. □

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tion privileges all over the world. The Russians refused. Just a short time ago, less than a year, we made an agreement with Russia to stop atomic explosions.

They immediately, within a few months, broke that agreement.

The Russians have always been against any arms control. They refused every request that's been made of them, and I made as many as three or four to have the control of all these arms and use atomic energy for peacetime purposes. The only way that we can find out how to use it that way is to continue our experiments.

I never was in favor of stopping those experiments, but it was agreed to—and the Russians agreed to it. And they broke that agreement, just as they broke 32 agreements that they made with me at Potsdam, and broke 16 agreements that they made with President Roosevelt at Yalta. They are not to be trusted. I wouldn't trust a Russian across the street unless I could see where he was going and I had a gun on his back.

CLARKE: Well, Mr. Truman, how would you compare the present ruler of Soviet Russia, Nikita Khrushchev, to the former leader of Russia, Josef Stalin, whom you dealt with personally?

PRESIDENT TRUMAN: I don't know Khrushchev, and I don't want to know him, so I can't give you any comment on him. Stalin was a very easy man to agree with. He was not half as hard to agree with as was Churchill. And the reason for that was he didn't expect to keep his agreements and Churchill did. They are none of them any good.

CLARKE: Do you think there is any hope at all for an establishment of mutual confidence in the beginnings of disarmament, the beginnings of a treaty to ban these nuclear tests?

PRESIDENT TRUMAN: I sincerely hope there is, but the only way that can be done and done carefully—and the way it ought to be done—is to have the power of inspection, because if you don't have the power of inspection, the Russians will break the agreement. And the efforts on our part have always

been to put this immense energy to the use of the Free World and the rest of the world—if they've got sense enough to take advantage of it—so that power can be used for the welfare of the world and not against it. That's the reason for the experiments. That's the reason we were carrying them on. That's the reason we are carrying them on now.

You needn't think that the Russians are such angels. They never kept an agreement that has been made with them since World War II. And we saved them. We sent them \$6 billion, \$500 million worth of equipment which caused them to have enough equipment to come to meet us at Berlin when the Second World War was over. The only reason that they could get there was because we equipped them. They've never paid back that lend/lease or made any payments on the strength of it. They've been asked to time and again.

That's the way they operate, that's the way they work. They don't give a hoot about what happens to the rest of the world if they can control it, which I hope to God they'll never have a chance to do.

CLARKE: You think then that peaceful coexistence with the Russians, as their system is presently set up, is impossible?

PRESIDENT TRUMAN: I certainly do.

CLARKE: Do you think we have to wait for the Russian people themselves to regain their freedom before we can deal with them honestly?

PRESIDENT TRUMAN: I think their oppression has become so great they'll do just what every other nation has done. The Russian people are good people. It's the 300,000 rulers of the Communist Party that cause all the trouble.

CLARKE: Thank you, Mr. Truman. From former President Truman, the truth.

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At the 1995 Spring Meeting, the Legion's National Executive Committee passed Resolution 15, which honors Harry S. Truman and authorizes the Legion to participate in a ceremony Aug. 5 at his gravesite in Independence, Mo., which will pay tribute to the President and his accomplishments.

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Missouri Auction School

Whether they're hawking gem-encrusted jewelry at an estate sale or a pen full of prize shorthorn cattle, the nation's 25,000 auctioneers are pulling down hefty commissions. "People don't realize how lucrative auctioneering is," says Dick Dewees, president of the Missouri Auction School, who for 35 years has been coaching pupils in the familiar mannerisms associated with auctioneering.

Most auctioneers' commissions range from 3 percent to 30 percent of gross sales. For the beginner, that translates to perhaps \$20,000 a year, but *Newsweek* reports that a good player can earn \$200,000.

"This might be the last frontier for guys starting out with nothing," says Dewees, who has been an auctioneer

for 35 years and still finds every day exciting. Government surveys show that an average of 87 percent of auctioneering graduates started making money immediately after training.

Deweese's school prepares students for everything except tobacco auctioneering (which, one assumes, can be accomplished only with a North Carolina accent). The intensive eight-day course alternates between classwork and practical exercises. Aside from the basic bid-calling fundamentals of chant, rhythm, speed, clarity and gestures, students also learn about law, accounting and auction psychology.

The course of instruction covers auctions involving bankruptcy, farm sales, antiques, autos, real estate, livestock market selling and household goods. Students learn how to deal with heirs and attorneys in an estate auction and—most important—how to judge the value of items being auctioned off.

Above all, they learn that auctioneering is...*show-biz*. When a good auctioneer takes the podium, the crowd is electrified, and bidding is spirited.

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Missouri Auction School, 1600 Genesee, Kansas City, MO 64102. In business since 1905.

Nick Harris Detective Academy

For the private investigator, every day is a new adventure in tracking lost lovers, uncovering embezzlements, exposing insurance fraud or—increasingly these days, it seems—conducting background checks on politicians.

The Harris academy is the oldest such school in the world—even older than the FBI, according to master detective and administrator Milo Speriglio, who says his students come from all over the world.

Speriglio's aspiring detectives pay \$3,900 in tuition to study the basics of skip tracing, shadowing, accident investigation, insurance fraud, undercover work, employee theft, criminal investigation, document research and wiretap detection.

Students also learn about the myths of private-eye work. Unlike Jim Rockford and his other TV cohorts, real-life private eyes do not run red lights or make screeching, fishtail U-turns; they have to worry about traffic tickets and rising insurance premiums, just like the rest of us. Nor are they pulling .38s out of their waistband every five minutes..

Following a cap-and-trenchcoat graduation, students must apprentice for three years with a private-detective agency before they are eligible for a California license. Previous experience in law enforcement, military police work or related endeavors can reduce the apprenticeship period. The Harris agency itself hires the top students.

Neophyte gumshoes will have to be satisfied with \$14 an hour, but once licensed they can look forward to \$55 an hour for a basic assignment. At that rate, says Speriglio, "Working just 40 hours a week, you can earn \$114,000 a year plus expenses." Of course, many seasoned private investigators work much longer hours than that.

The student body includes women as well as men. And, to shatter another myth, being burly is not a prerequisite: One man was just 5 feet 6 inches tall. Nor is being nimble—a female pupil weighed in at over 300 pounds.

Nick Harris Detective Academy, 16917 Enadia Way, Van Nuys, CA 91406-3602. In business since 1907.

The Worsham College of Mortuary Science

Since 1911, Worsham College has been preparing students for the ultimate recession-proof, white-collar career: funeral directing.

Worsham's one-year diploma program is divided into four quarters of 11 weeks each, with classes in session four days a week. The curriculum includes accounting, anatomy, embalming, law, psychology, pathology, microbiology and lab work in "restorative arts."

Tuition for the 12-month program is \$6,300, not including books, which cost an additional \$400 or so. Students also pay for their own protective garb.

According to enrollment officer Joan Tomczak, Worsham alumni do extraordinarily well at finding work. "Virtually every graduate has found placement by the time he or she leaves the school," says Tomczak. "We have a 90 percent overall placement record. First-time-out grads can expect to earn \$22,000 to \$25,000 in a city district, somewhat less in rural districts."

Worsham College of Mortuary Science, 495 Northgate Parkway, Wheeling, IL 60090.

Reno-Tahoe Gaming Academy

Here's a school that instructs people on the only way to make money in gambling: working the casino side.

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Entry-level graduates can expect to earn \$10 an hour for the first 90 days, \$12 to \$14 after that. After one year they'll probably be making \$40 an hour on piecework.

But the real money in neon is on the entrepreneurial end. "Eventually," says instructor Lee Champagne, "no one wants to work for hourly wages when big money is available on your own. A unique window sign will bring in \$800 to \$1,200."

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The truly gifted may also collect accolades. Some of Champagne's neon sculptures have won international awards and now hang in museums.

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National Neon Institute, 1070 Tyler St., Benicia, CA 94510. In business since 1982.

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When they've mastered the "hands-on" curriculum and won their license, they'll have no trouble finding work at spas, health clubs, resorts, hotels, nursing homes, retirement centers and beauty salons where the rich go to be rejuvenated.

After graduating from Bancroft, Susie Samaha spent the next eight years on board cruise ships, rubbing out the kinks and tight muscles. Along the way, she learned the cultural aspects of massage in Indonesia. Now an instructor at Bancroft, she specializes in facial workshops, a massage technique that promises to put the bloom of youth back into middle-aged jowls.

One thing is certain—whatever direction a student pursues, there will be no shortage of openings: 95 percent find immediate employment.

The course costs \$8,750 plus sup-

plies, but graduates could earn up to \$25,000-\$40,000 a year in chiropractors' offices, health spas, salons or gyms, or they could strike out on their own, according to Bancroft registrar Katherine Mahoney.

Bancroft School of Massage Therapy, 50 Franklin St., Suite 370, Worcester, MA 01608. In business since 1950.

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These are but a few of the occupational colleges available. You can take a two-year course at the New England Culinary Institute and hope to earn \$100,000 a year as a professional chef, or experience the joy of making kids laugh by attending the Ringling Brothers Clown College. Then there's the Nanny College in California and a school for butlers in New York. And on and on.

Of course, none of this is likely to shake the hallowed halls of Harvard, nor disturb the ivy-clad ramparts of Yale, for the diplomas and degrees they confer are indeed distinguished.

But a prestigious sheet of parchment alone won't put quiche on the table or petrol in the Porsche. □

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All soldiers who served with the 14th Military Intelligence Bn., for unit history. Contact: 1Lt. M. Scharff, HHS, 14th Military Intelligence Bn., Fort Lewis, WA 98433.

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Information on the 523rd AAF Fighter Sq. in Italy in 1943. Contact: James W. Richard, 49926 Hwy. 16, Frenklin, LA 70438.

Members of the 316th Fighter Control Sq., 9th Air Force, serving with the 3rd Army, who were at Buchenwald Concentration Camp on the first day of liberation, for a magazine article. Contact: George Filipovich, 140 Hope Springs Ln., Stafford, Va., 22554; (703) 659-3664.

Members of USAAF 83rd Air Depot Group, Gure, Eritrea, April 1943-Jen. 1944, and 8th Air Depot Group, June 1942 to Nov. 1943, for a book on Project 19. Contact: John W. Swancara, P.O. Box 749, Brevard, NC 28712.

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Dick Mikessell
Norton, Kan.

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Thomas H. Reichert
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V-J Day Parade

In addition to Post 91 of Moosup, Conn., celebrating V-J Day with a parade, the village of Hillman, Mich., has been conducting an annual V-J Day parade for the past 50 years ("Connecticut Town Celebrates V-J Day," January, Legion News). Crystal Falls, Mich., also has a V-J Day celebration.

Von H. Krebiehl
Hillman, Mich.

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Robert DeCola
Dania, Fla. □

DISPATCH

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time in June, the *Dispatch* was planning to provide comprehensive coverage of the congressional debate on the amendment, updates on new cosponsors and gentle reminders about those in Washington who have yet to sign on. Throughout the Legion's pursuit of the flag-protection amendment, such progress reports have been enormously helpful in getting Legionnaires and other supporters of the amendment to focus their energies where they will do the most good.

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A recent study found that many people who complain they can't lose weight are underreporting how much they actually eat and overreporting how much they actually exercise. Hmm...underreporting inflow and overreporting outflow, eh? Makes you wonder what their tax returns look like.

The Limits Of Charity

A left-leaning, small-town politician was making a speech about the importance of sharing the wealth. Spotting someone he knew in the audience, he said, "Mr. Jones, if you had three Cadillacs, wouldn't you give up one of them so we could gather the kids and take them to school during the week?"

The man replied, "Sure I would."

The politician continued, "And if you had \$3 million, wouldn't you give up \$1 million of it so we could put a roof over people's heads and make sure they had food to eat?"

"Sure," the man replied again.

"And Mr. Jones, if you had three hogs—"

"Now just wait a minute here!" the man interrupted, "I've got three hogs!"

Penny Pinched

You know your bank is in trouble when:

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Food For Thought

"Today, there are greater, more certain and more immediate penalties in this country for serving up a rotten hamburger than for furnishing 1,000 schoolchildren with a rotten education."

—William Bennett

Trial & Errors

Overheard in the reporters' pool at *California v. Simpson*: "I knew this trial was in big trouble when I looked up and realized there were more lawyers than jurors."

Political Animal

Paleontologists, who study fossils and early life forms, have discovered the remains of a dinosaur that lived 225 million years ago. Describing it as the most primitive dinosaur ever found, they've named it *Washingtonian politicus* because it has a tiny brain, huge mouth and long vicious claws for ripping the flesh off its enemies.

High Strung

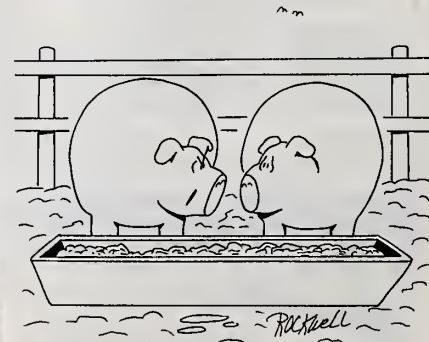
A new study reports that rock musicians are prime candidates for mental breakdowns. How can you tell, though? Do they stop smashing guitars and biting the heads off chickens?

SINGled Out

Maybe a "sin tax" makes sense. It would mean Congress would pay more than everybody else.

Kid Corral

In some Western states, animal control officers are testing a plan to use helicopters, nets and tranquilizer guns to control the wild animal population. They say if it works, they may try it in the schools.



"Let's quit kidding ourselves! Neither one of us has a thyroid condition!"

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